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Parking lot drug bust thwarts possible car thefts

Suspect may have intended to break into vehicles

LAURA GARNICK
State Hornet

A 24-year-old man was arrested in the residence hall parking lot for possession of an amphetamine on Jan. 24.

Campus police stopped Jimmy Ascevedo outside Sierra Hall for expired license tags. A check revealed Ascevedo was on parole for a narcotics violation.

Police searched Ascevedo's vehicle and found .05 grams of crack cocaine and a glass blown pipe inside an eyeglass case in Ascevedo's backpack, the police report said.

Ascevedo was taken and booked into Sacramento County Jail on Jan. 24.

Sacramento State Police Public Information Officer John Hamrick said the amount of crack Ascevedo was in possession of was probably for personal use.

"The suspect was most likely going to break into a car to steal something or he was casing the parking lot to steal a vehicle, probably to support his drug habit, considering he had no business in the parking lot, because he is not a student," Hamrick said.

Ascevedo was released from jail late last week and is awaiting a decision from the District Attorney's Office on prosecution, Hamrick said.

Serious drug addicts need money and auto theft can be a way for them to get it, said Dr. William Vizard, Chair of the Department of Criminal Justice. But in most cases an automobile is stolen so the suspect can go on a joy ride and abandon the car, Vizard said.

"Campus car theft is always a problem. Whether the stolen cars are stripped for parts or for smuggling, it is a way for serious addicts to get money," Vizard said.

According to statistics issued by the public safety office in 2001, 33 cars were stolen from campus and five drug violations occurred on campus.

It seems that the nicer a car is, the more likely it is to be stolen. "I'm always cautious about my car, there is always a profit off of parts they can take from a car, especially with body kits and performance parts," said freshman Ron Cadiz, who drives a Toyota Integra.

"The moral of the story is to drive a car that nobody else would want to steal like a five year old Ford Taurus station wagon," said Vizard.

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Animal House 2003?



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Top: The Tau Kappa Epsilon house on Sierra Boulevard was cited for health and building code violations and is undergoing remodeling. Bottom: A used keg doubles as the house's mailbox.

Fraternity house, property threatened by neighbors' lawsuit

DAN BARR
State Hornet

The Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity has been threatened by its neighbors with a lawsuit that would remove them from their property.

TKE members have lived in the seven-room house on Sierra Boulevard near Arden for seven years.

"Some semesters we get a lot of complaints, and some semesters we get no complaints at all," said chapter president Gabe Garroni. "Most of our complaints come from Woodside."

Since moving in, the fraternity has had tense relations with their neighbors, who live in both houses and Woodside Apartment Complex.

The Woodside Apartment Center has threatened the fraternity with a lawsuit that would force them off their land.

The State Hornet attempted to contact representatives at the Woodside Apartment Complex, but phone calls went unreturned by press time.

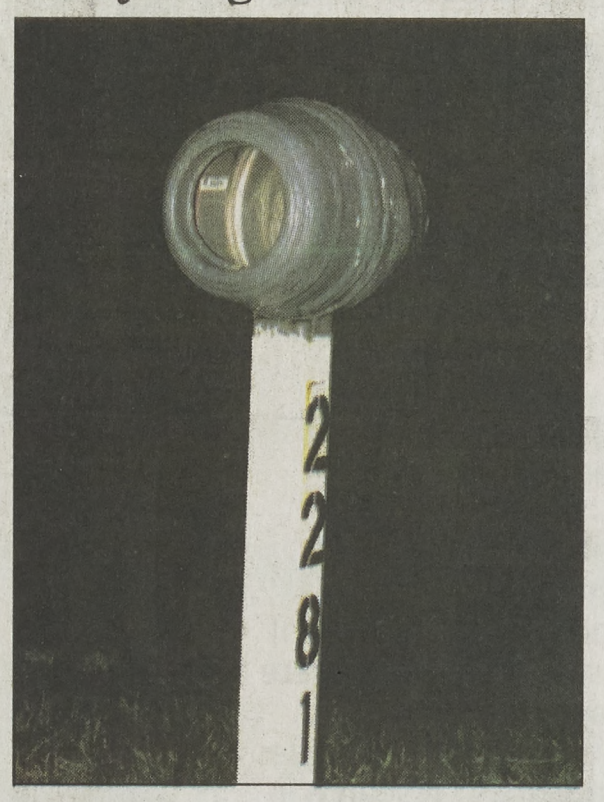
"I haven't heard of any problems," said neighbor and Sacramento State student Douglas McDevitt. "I also haven't experienced any problems. I'm sure they cause a few problems here and there, but in a college town, that's the sort of thing people have to deal with."

Garroni said the fraternity has not yet been sued, but city inspectors have been out to inspect the house.

TKE was cited for various health and building code violations, but they were fixed by the beginning of the semester, Garroni said. Garroni also believes that the problems go further than code violations.

"There is a certain stereotype of fraternities," he said, "We've had parties, we've had some drinking, but it's never been a problem We did have a New

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Student housing, online elections top ASI agenda

TOM HALL
State Hornet



"We want to show them that they don't have to look outside of Sacramento for employees. We have qualified people right here."

Erin Hicks

ASI Press Secretary

Affordable student housing, online elections and community relations top the Associated Students, Inc. agenda this semester.

The lack of affordable student housing around the campus is a huge concern for students and the student government alike, said ASI Press Secretary Erin Hicks.

"Seven students packed into an apartment is unacceptable," Hicks said. ASI also provides the service of the Student Access Center (SAC). One of SAC's functions is to connect students to affordable housing.

A study conducted by SAC revealed that most of the 98 off-campus housing options were available for students. Over 70 percent are within five miles of the campus. Only two buildings listed advertised single-bedroom apartments for less than $500 monthly (not including deposits). Thirteen buildings listed quoted figures more than $800 for a one-bedroom apartment.

Another plan ASI President Eric Guerra would like to see brought to fruition is online ASI elections.

Hicks said the start-up cost of the online elections should run between $6,000 and $8,000, and then cost $2,000 a year to maintain. Information on the exact cost of the current election system was unavailable from ASI at press time.

Hicks also said building relationships with community business leaders is a priority

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More women than men making the grade

Sac State professor cites women's movement as motivating factor

CHRISTINA BIRDSALL
State Hornet

Recently compiled data for Sacramento State has shown that a higher percentage of women are graduating than men.

Statistics from the Department of Institutional Research show that female first-time freshmen starting college at Sac State in 1995 had a 45 percent success rate for graduation after six years, while their male counterparts trail at a 35 percent success rate.

According to Director of Institutional Research Sutee Sujitparapitaya, transfer students who enrolled in the fall of 1998 followed the same trend. Of the female students, 54 percent graduated after three years, with only 43 percent of their male equivalents finishing after the three-year plan.

Not only are graduation rates higher for women, but enrollment rates are up for women as well, Sujitparapitaya said. For Fall 2002, women made up 59 percent of the newly enrolled population.

"They (women) have a strong desire to achieve a college education and beyond, so that they can become more economically independent," said sociology professor Charles Varano. He also credits the women's movement for increasing both the enrollment and graduation rates for women.

"Men are generally considered capable without a degree," senior Kassidy Salters said. This attributes to the higher graduation rate for women.

"It is harder for females to succeed," senior Sarah Marsh said. "Women need that credential to show."

Both students agreed that getting a degree is becoming more mandatory for women to succeed.

"Throughout the '90s, high schools made a special effort to reach out to girls," sophomore Aubrey Currington said. "We (boys) didn't get that special effort."

Senior Joe Williams said that the necessity to work monopolizes his schedule. "I run my own business," Williams said. "I'm not into school."

Varano attributes some of the cause for men's slower graduation rates to different pressures brought on by both peer cultures and their need to make money. Men are more

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Chart by Cody Frost

INSIDE BUZZ
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SPORTS
Facilities, B1
Upgrading current facilities is one of Athletic Director Terry Wanless's long-term goals.

FEATURES
TV, B5
Television sweeps week is coming - get the low down on the networks' plams.

Police Log

SACRAMENTO STATE'S CAMPUS POLICE

COMPILED BY
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Friday, Jan. 24

MINOR IN POSSESSION

Residence Hall Parking - A pair of 18-year-old dorm residents were found in possession of alcoholic beverages. Both subjects were cited and released.

Saturday, Jan. 25

VANDALISM

Residence Hall Parking - Vandalism to vehicle, a black, four-door Honda.

Sunday, Jan. 26

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT

Residence Hall Parking - Victim reported that his vehicle was stolen. Vehicle is described as a white, four-door Honda Accord, taken on Jan. 26.

TRAFFIC

State University Drive - Report of a non-injury traffic accident occurred on State University Drive East at the entrance to the dorm parking. Both parties exchanged information. Assisted.

Monday, Jan. 27

INCIDENT

Alpine Hall - Complaint of a credit card solicitor. Subject contacted and advised.

INCIDENT

Field House - Caller reported that he caught an unauthorized person in the coaches' trailer. The subject was contacted, identified, and sent on his way.

Tuesday, Jan. 28

HEALTH & SAFETY

Residence Hall Parking Lot - Subject smoking marijuana on the levee. He was cited for health and safety violation and released.

BURGLARY

Lot 2 - A 1991 Honda Civic broken into. Window broken and the parking pass was taken. Report taken.

DISTURBANCE

University Union - Call about a male causing problems and refusing to leave. Subject contacted and transported off campus.

Wednesday, Jan. 29

VEHICLE CODE

Lot 7 - Hit and Run. Reporting party advised that she was involved in an accident and the other vehicle left the scene. Suspect vehicle is a silver Mazda.

BURGLARY

Lot 2 - Vehicle burglarized. A brown leather briefcase was taken.

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT

Residence Hall Parking - Report of stolen vehicle, a green 1995 Ford Escort.

Thursday, Jan. 30

DISTURBANCE

Lot 4 - Reporting party stated a citizen was involved in a dispute over a parking space and requested officer assistance. Situation mediated.

RESTRAINING ORDER

Lot 10 - Female reported a subject she has a restraining order against is on campus, which violates terms of the order. The subject also called and threatened her family. Suspect was arrested and booked into the Sacramento County Jail.

VEHICLE RECOVERY

Facilities Management Offices - recovery of a CSUS trailer reported stolen on Jan. 17. Vehicle was returned to the corporation yard on Jan. 29.

INCIDENT

River Front Center - Suspicious backpack was found in the first stall of the women's restroom. The stall is locked and no one is inside. Checked OK. Found property was turned into lost and found.

BURGLARY

Lot 7 - Report of an auto burglary. Crime occurred between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Entry gained breaking the window. Stereo equipment and CDs were taken from the vehicle. Report taken.

VANDALISM

Residence Hall Parking - Vehicle vandalism. Occurred between 2:45 p.m. and 7:20 p.m. Entry gained by breaking the window. No property taken.

BURGLARY

Lot 10 - Report of vehicle burglary. Occurred between 8:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Entry gained by breaking window. A camera and CDs were taken.

BURGLARY

Lot 1 - Report of a vehicle burglary. Occurred between 8 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Entry was gained by breaking the window. A stereo and CD player was taken.

BURGLARY

Lot 7 - Report of a vehicle burglary. Occurred between 830 a.m. and 7:50 p.m. Entrance was gained by breaking the window. Clothing, stereo equipment and a phone charger were taken.

VEHICLE CODE

Overflow Parking Lot - Hit and Run to a parked vehicle, a maroon 1989 Honda Civic. A note was left on the vehicle giving a description of the suspect's vehicle. Report taken and follow-up investigation is being conducted.

ASI wants better community relations, Ucovich seeks stronger student voice

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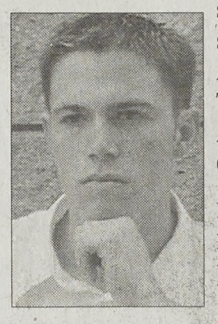
"We want to show them that they don't have to look outside of Sacramento for employees," Hicks said. "We have qualified people right here."

ASI received criticism last October for proposing a $3,500 community chamber mixer. ASI's six-member Internal Affairs committee, co-chaired by Jordan Aquino and Regina Unimuke, found the mixer to be too exclusive to benefit the student population at large and voted almost unanimously against it.

Despite California's budget woes, Hicks said that the ASI budget is right on track, and should not be affected by the crunch.

However, she said that ASI is concerned with the impact on students in general, citing the proposed 25 percent student fee increase that could take effect in the fall.

Hicks pointed to ASI's variety of representation state-wide as a protection for students amidst the crisis. Guerra serves on the Academic Technology Advisory Committee, ASI Vice President of Finance Peter Ucovich serves on the Statewide General Education Committee and former ASI President Art Pimentel serves on the California State Student Association. All are statewide committees serving student interests.



Peter Ucovich
ASI VP of Finance

ASI Vice President of Finance Peter Ucovich named building a stronger student voice as a prominent goal for this spring.

"We need to get students to rally," Ucovich said. "We have an advantage being so close to the Capitol, but we don't use it to our advantage."

Ucovich alluded to the upcoming tuition hike as an important matter that students need to voice their concern over. Ucovich is a non-voting member of the State Academic Senate, which is made up of 56 appointed faculty members from institutions throughout the state.

The Academic Senate voted near unanimously to support the Board of Trustees' retroactive 10 percent fee hike that will hit CSU students this semester, despite Ucovich's advising against the increase.

Women's enrollment, graduation rates anticipated to continue their growth

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likely to choose work over extended education. "Guys feel that they need money," he said.

Some possibilities have to do with the changing times. "Women are postponing childbirth and marriage for the importance of education, for their career aspirations," Varano said.

Varano describes women students as being "highly motivated and very well prepared." Research from the American Association of University Women supports this with their findings that the test score gap between genders is closing.

Women are "making their bets on education," Varano said. However, this "bet" doesn't necessarily pay off. Across the board from professional careers to clerical positions and the working class, it is still not an even playing field, the professor said.

According to Varano, both genders have the ability to start at the same entry-level job with equivalent pay, but promotions and increased salary are more likely to benefit men in the long run. "The occupational structure is gendered," he said.

Even with all of this information it is still impossible to generalize for the population of each gender, Varano said. The socioeconomic background of each individual plays a part. The professor said that longitudinal research could, perhaps, provide more information on the gender gap.

Varano contends that despite the growing trend, males still dominate in the areas of physical science and engineering. Females are over-represented in areas such as sociology.

According to Varano, women's increasing enrollment and graduation rates are anticipated to continue to grow. Whether or not the workplace will remain "gendered" is left to be determined.

"Women's success in college is the glass half full," Varano said, "but the gendered workplace and career paths is the glass half empty."


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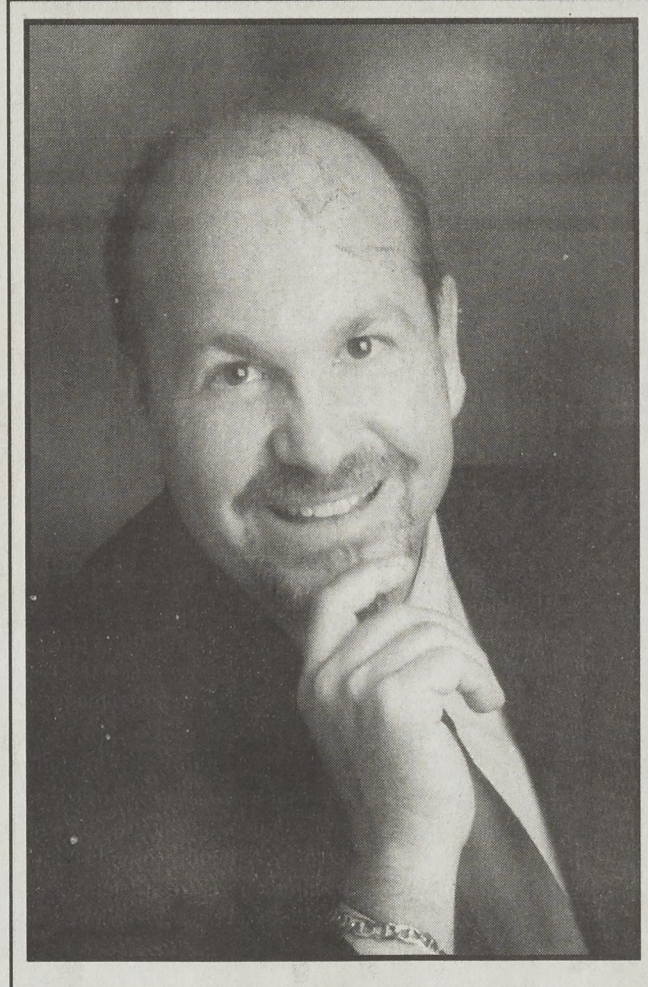
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In The Brief

Hornet shuttle rerouting

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Some Chinese prefer American labels

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Olsen twins college-bound?

Rumors spread on the Internet last week that Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen were accepted to various colleges around the country such as the Rochester Institute of Technology and the University of Miami. The reports were linked to a phony CNN Web site. Admissions boards were flooded with phone calls and e-mails about the report. The stars of "Full House" are only juniors in high school.

Study-time down for freshmen class

Incoming college freshmen studied less in high school than the previous 37 class years, according to a new study by the University of California, Los Angeles. In their senior year of high school, 15.9 percent of students reported that they studied less than one hour per week.

'Ram'ming in the Chinese New Year



Children demonstrated kung fu Saturday as part of festivities for the Chinese New Year. 2003 is the year of the Ram and year 4701 in the Chinese Lunar Calendar.

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Lawsuit hasn't affected rush, Interfraternity Council scheduled to intervene

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Year's party, that the cops showed up to. There was some drinking then, but that wasn't the problem. We've curbed mixers and parties to save money for our community projects."

TKE has been heavily involved in the community since the chapter was established in 1993. Their projects include assisting local homeless, volunteering at Mercy hospital, and visiting retirement homes. The members of TKE feel that these are often overlooked in favor of prejudices against fraternities.

"Also, most people don't know this but before they started threatening us with lawsuits, Woodside tried to buy some of our land, and we wouldn't sell," Garroni said.

The controversy has not hurt incoming members.

"We always have a big rush class," said Garroni in front of his fraternity's table.

None of the Greek organizations appeared hurt by the allegations against TKE. Most saw a lot of potential rushes stop by their tables in the Library Quad last week for information on joining. Most had not heard of the troubles facing TKE.

"I haven't heard anything about it," said a member of the Chi Delta sorority. "I wasn't even aware they had their own house."

That did not surprise Garroni, who understands the problems that face fraternities.

"Other fraternities are fighting their own battles," he said. "The Greek system here is not as strong as it should be."

Interfraternity Council President Brandon Kline said the IFC would handle the problem internally, and that the purpose of the IFC is to support its members.

"The real problem is a lack of a fraternity row at Sac State," Kline said. "We're looking at the 65th Street Housing Development for College Town. It's difficult for the neighbors and hard to raise a family in a neighborhood that houses a fraternity."

Moe Stephens, the Greek Advisor for Sac State, showed support for the fraternity.

"There's not much we can do, we can't govern houses off campus," Stephens said. "We are trying to facilitate discussions between the house and Woodside that we hope can happen in February."

"There is a certain stereotype of fraternities. We've had some parties... but it's never been a problem."

Gabe Garroni,

TKE President

Though their neighbors continue to complain, the members of TKE are not deterred by their threats.

"If we lose this house, we'll buy another," Garroni said.





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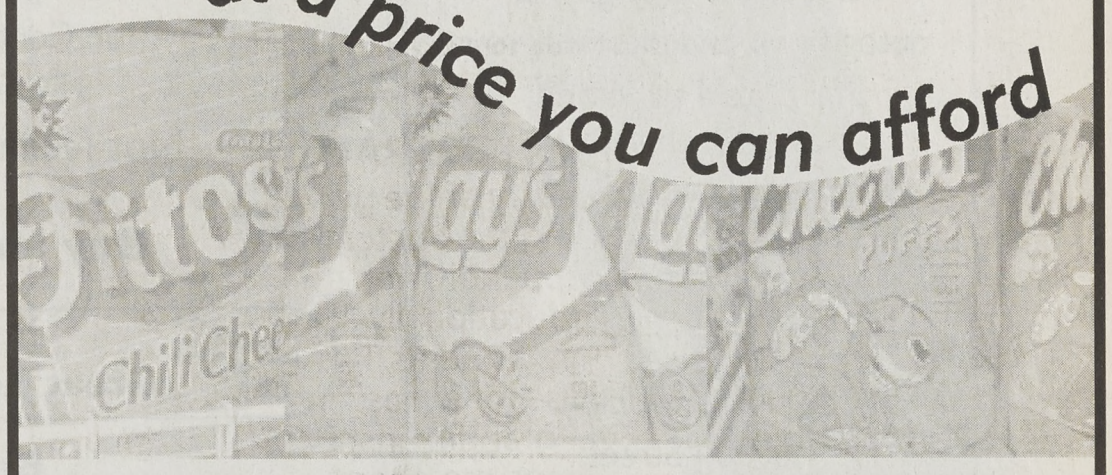
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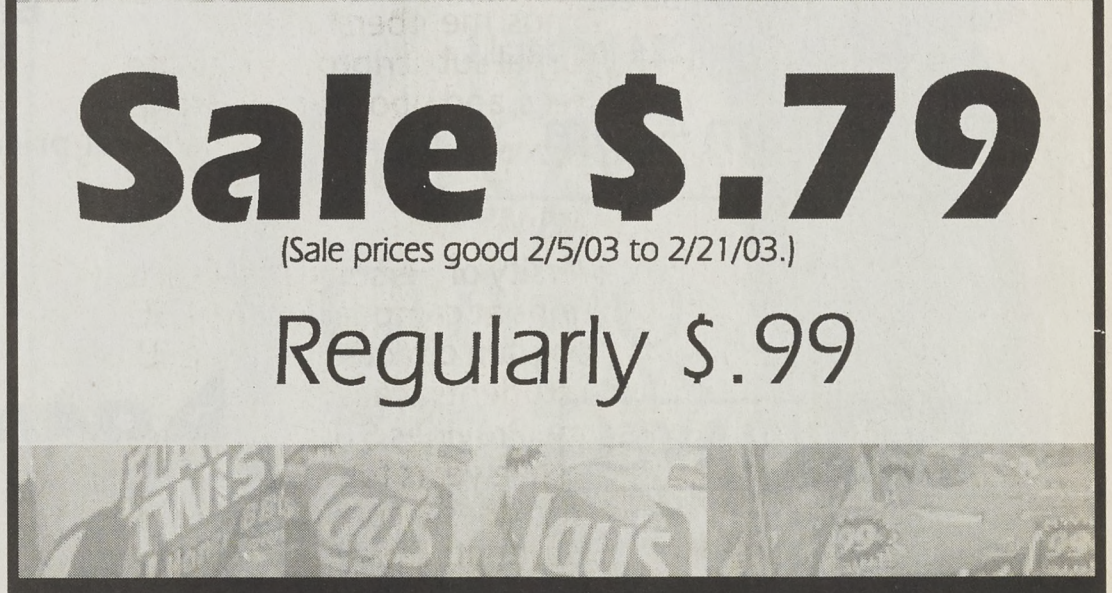
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The World In Brief

Venezuelans petition for early elections

Hundreds of thousands signed petitions Sunday calling for early elections to oust unpopular President Hugo Chavez. More than two months of striking has failed to remove Chavez from office. Strikes have brought the Venezuelan economy, the world's fifth largest oil-exporter, to a standstill.

Rioting erupts in Ivory Coast

The death of a popular television host intensified rioters in Ivory Coast Sunday where tear gas and gunfire were used to break up the opposition mobs. Loyalists of President Laurent Gbagbo have been protesting for over a week in response to a peace accord with the opposition that would end the nation's civil war. The television actor was involved with the opposition party.

Greenpeace ship blocks port

Police in London boarded a Greenpeace ship Saturday that was obstructing the entrance to a military port. The environmental group was protesting the possible war in Iraq by blocking the port where arms were being loaded for shipment to the Persian Gulf.

Public supports an Iraqi War

Sixty-six percent of Americans show a support for war in Iraq, according to a ABC/Washington Post poll released Saturday.

TTY to give hearing-impaired students access to telephones

LAUREN SHODA
State Hornet

Steps have been taken to ensure that hearing-impaired students at Sacramento State have more access to phones integrated with TTY equipment on campus.

A TTY, which is short for TeleTypewriter, is a device that lets deaf and hearing people type back and forth using telephones. Millions of people use the devices, including the hearing impaired and those with speech impairments.

Until recently, there was only one TTY integrated telephone on campus, located in the Students with Disabilities Center. Students were only able to access the phone during business hours, said Spencer Freund, Associate VP for Academic Affairs.

Once the issue of few TTY integrated phones on campus was brought to CSUS officials' attention, TTY equipment was installed on six public phones on campus.

"We will do all we have to do to accommodate students with disabilities," said Freund. "When we received a request for more pay phones with TTY equipment, we immediately took action to accommodate students. Until we hear there is a rising concern that certain areas on campus need more, there is no way for us to know."

TTY integrated public phones are located in Lassen Hall, Shasta Hall, the Student Health Center, the University Union, the Public Service Building and in the library. The only building that allows 24-hour-a-day access on campus is the Public Service Building.

"The phones were strategically placed in buildings where there is more student traffic," said Patricia Sonntag, Director of Services for Students with Disabilities.

Issues have been raised that emergency phones in the parking lots that directly contact the campus police in an emergency situation should be integrated with TTY.

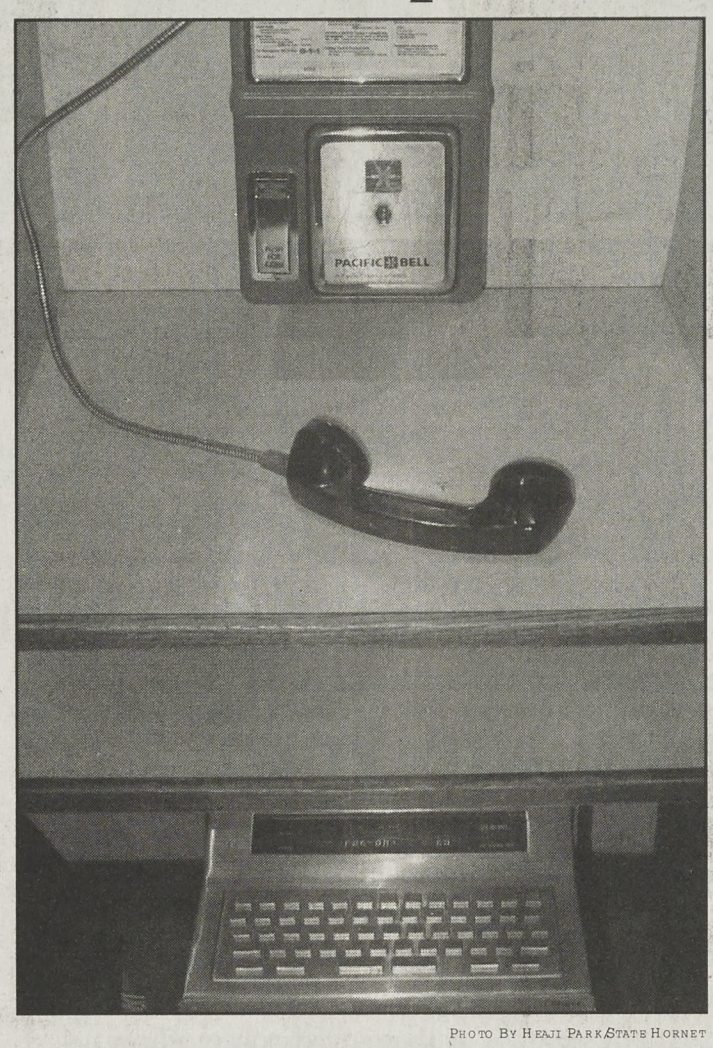


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TTY machines utilize keyboards for the deaf to telecommunicate.

"Public Safety would respond to emergency phones if buttons were pressed. Even though a deaf person could not actually communicate back and forth into the phone, the campus police would be there to investigate immediately after the button was pressed," said Disability Management Counselor Judy Dean.

"Currently students are using pagers and cell phones with text messaging, so the request for TTY equipment has dropped somewhat," Dean said.

Campus officials expressed concern with the TTY equipment being in the parking lots and outside because of vandalism.

"Of course we would like more phones," said Sonntag, "but we also have to consider the fact that vandalism could occur, which is why the phones are located inside buildings. There is also TTY equipment in the campus police Station."

Sonntag said money is not an issue regarding the TTY capability not being on the emergency phones. It seems to be more of a matter of making the problem known.

Study says first-year students struggle with academics

CHRIS YEMMA
The Daily Aztec

(U-WIRE) SAN DIEGO - The plan on Friday night: Pound six beers in an hour for the sole purpose of getting trashed and then walk around the College Area looking for a party.

Sound all too familiar from your freshman year?

For a vast number of college freshmen throughout the nation, this is a popular lifestyle. But are freshmen academically affected by all this partying?

The answer is yes, according to a survey conducted by the Higher Education Research Institute at the University of California at Los Angeles. The results of the survey showed that while freshmen seem to adjust well socially to college life, many struggle academically.

Nearly 25,000 freshmen at 109 four-year colleges were polled for this survey. The students reported studying more in college than in high school, but most still got lower grades in college than they expected.

"Some seem to have bitten off more than they can chew," San Diego State anthropology professor Joan Miller said. "They take too many classes or classes that require many hours of study during their first semester."

Miller said about 30 percent of students in her classes are freshmen.

"The main area of deficiency that I have noticed is in writing," she said. "Their research methods are lacking as well."

For computer engineering freshman David Howard and his friends, academically achieving what they expected is an issue.

"Last semester, my first semester here at college, I received a 2.6 GPA," Howard said. "Before entering college, though, I expected to get a lot higher grades than that."

"I think most freshmen are disappointed at the grades they receive. A lot of people I know get really bad grades."

History Professor Frank Nobiletti also sees freshmen having difficulties adjusting academically to college. His classes consist of roughly 25 percent freshmen.

"In my classes, many freshmen tend to struggle academically, more so than upper-class students," Nobiletti said. "For many, the adjustment to the amount of reading in college is a bit of a shock. Grading is also generally easier in high school, so adjusting to more rigorous grading is a surprise."

He said freshmen come to campus with far better skills for getting along with each other than a generation or two ago, and they don't have any problems making friends in class.

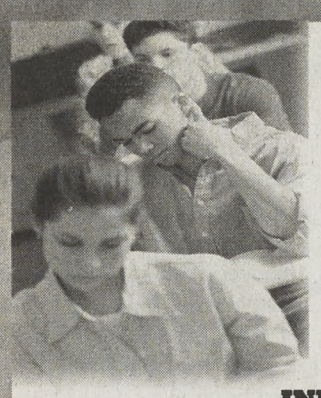
"On the other hand, reading, writing and especially vocabulary skills have slipped," Nobiletti said. "California's whole language experiment is a source of the problem. Also, straddling two languages is a problem for some. It is a great gift to know two languages, but the danger is not knowing either well enough."

The survey also stated that most college students do well during their first year in developing close relationships. Eighty-four percent said they were completely successful or fairly successful at this task.

As well, more than half of the freshmen at the end of the year became better acquainted with science -- or rather -- the science of tapping kegs. Fifty-nine percent said they drank beer frequently or occasionally, compared with 45.9 percent at the beginning of the year.

But after a whole semester of getting used to the college lifestyle, do freshmen grades go up in the spring?

"It seems as if everyone does a bit better in the spring," Miller said. "They seem to be more settled in the spring and they know better what is expected of them."



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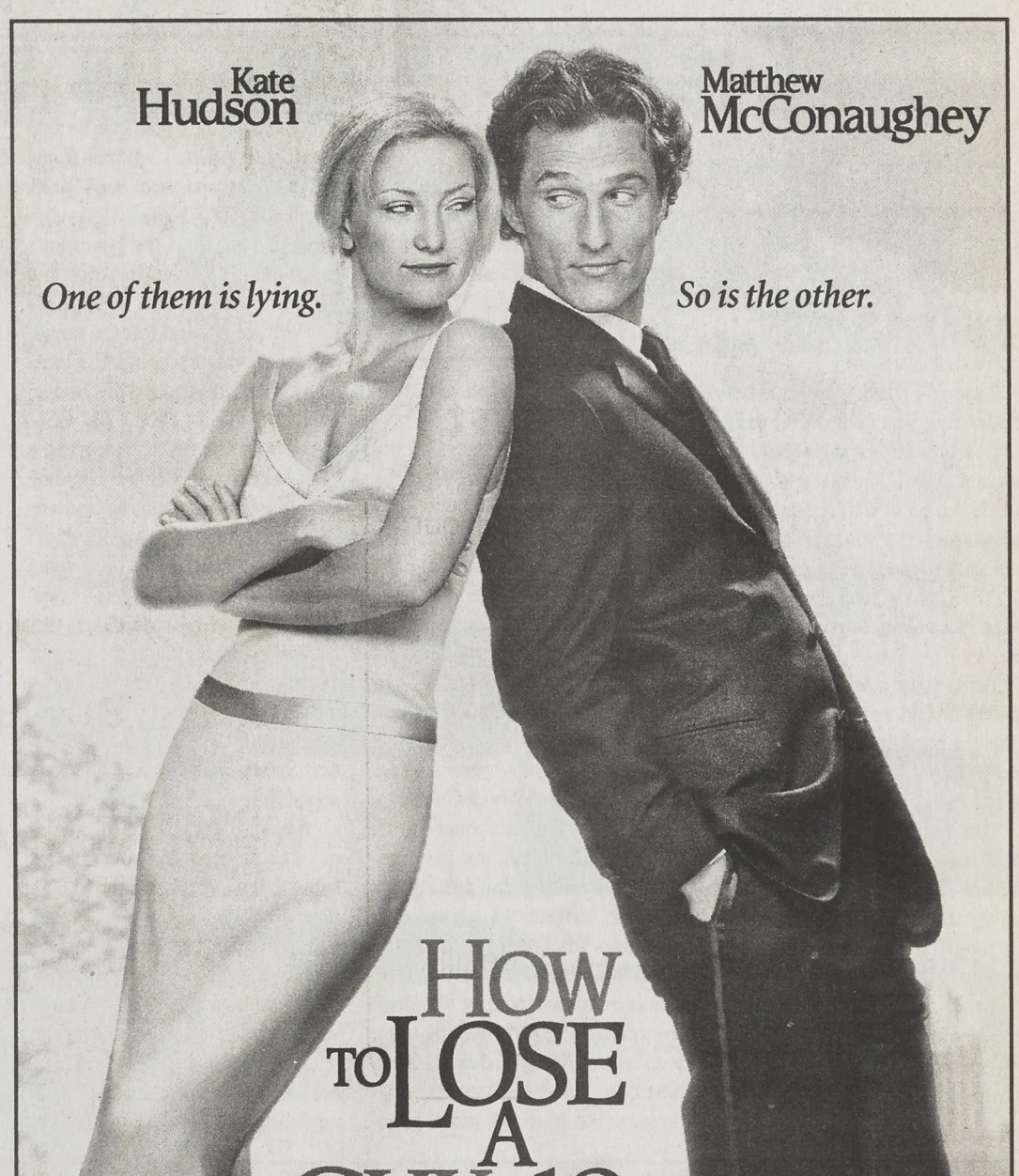
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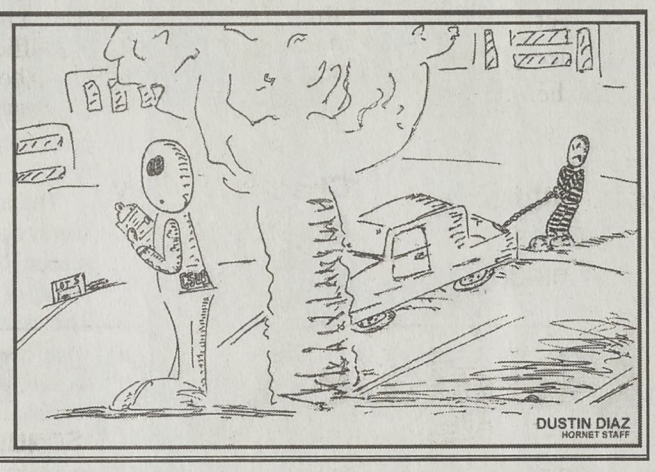
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UTAPS HARD AT WORK.



Ticket guys, where are you?

Our front-page story, the arrest of a 24-year-old man in the residential halls parking lot, is a cautionary tale that should make everyone on campus a little more wary, a little more observant.

And while our campus police are diligent, the rash of vehicle thefts and break-ins on campus tells us that they need help. We have an idea. From sunrise past sunset, University Transportation and Parking Services staff roam parking lots, looking for hapless vehicle permit violators.

Why not train them to be on the lookout for crime, and then equip them with radios to call in the cops?

Car break-ins and thefts plague Sacramento State. According to the most recent statistics, more than one car each week is stolen from campus parking lots, garages and nearby streets. Burglaries—many of them vehicle break-ins—occur approximately twice a week.

If you park a car on this campus, you could be the next victim.

It's easy to point the finger of blame at the campus police. More patrols, especially in the most distant and poorly lit lots, would surely deter criminals. More police, especially now, when security concerns have rubbed our collective nerves raw, would give heart to the law-abiding and pause to law-breakers.

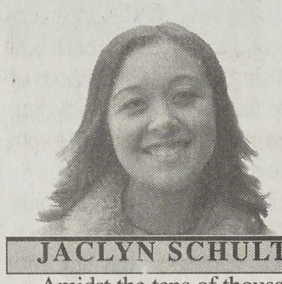
But such measures are not likely to happen any time soon, with state budget woes trickling all the way down to our police force. That's why we think one solution is to expand the training of the UTAPS parking patrol. Make them the eyes and ears of the police.

A sharp-eyed police officer noticed that the man in the residence hall parking lot was driving a car with expired license tags and stopped him. Police believe that stopped him before he borke into a vechicle or stole one. That's the best kind of law enforcement.

But the police cannot be everywhere, all the time. UTAPS employees could be trained to be more observant, to become a massive neighborhood watch, sensitive to anything that looks suspicious.

Think about it, UTAPS.

Divided, we tolerate



JACLYN SCHULTZ

Amidst the tens of thousands of students and myriad of nationalities and races roaming Sacramento State, ethnic groups cluster together on campus.

Blacks at the River Front Market. Vietnamese in the University Union poolroom. Filipinos in the Quad.

Let's face it. We're segregated.

We're divided, even though long gone are the days when "separate but equal" was considered a legitimate educational doctrine. The right for men and women of all colors and backgrounds to coexist together, only a dream to civil rights leaders like Martin Luther King, Jr.,is real for many Americans in the 21st century.

Though formal segregation as America knows it – the Native American Reservations, Jim Crow laws and the Japanese internment camps – are dirty stains on America, there still exists a voluntary form of separation in multiethnic communities, which sociologists call "racial polarization."

TIME magazine last year called Sacramento "America's Most Diverse City," and described the many ethnic communities clustered here. Naturally, such diversity – and separation--appears in miniature in schools, community colleges, and, yes, our university.

So what are the 46 percent of white and 54 percent of "minority" campus students to make of this polarization of ethnic groups? Is it a normal by-product of an increasingly diverse pool of people from different backgrounds? Or is it a sign of emerging divisions in the student body, causing tension among us?

Searching for answers to those questions led me to sociology professor David Monk's Ethnic and Race Relations class last week, where I was invited to question students about their views and experiences.

Christopher Burton, who moved here from Del Paso, said he notices more ethnicities in California than in Texas. He also sees the visible separation between different groups on campus, which, he said, "is something I'm not used to."

"I see in the ethnic groups a follower mentality. People like to be associated with something, a feeling as part of a group," said Lawrence Mouton, a black senior marketing major.

Michael Gracon, a white communications student, explained what he learned from an Intercultural Communication class: that in some Asian societies, members don't associate with outsiders easily.

"It's a comfort zone," said Tina Harris, a white Child Development

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The party's over...for now



S.T. VanAirsdale

Well, that was fun.

I mean, I had a great time over the last few years with California's low community college fees, low university fees, and all of the other satisfying perks that accompanied an extraordinary surge in the state's economy in the late 1990s.

Yes sir, those were good times. Alas, like any great party, it had to end.

A slumping stock market, combined with billions in lost tax revenue from the burst dot-com bubble, has plunged the state into a budget deficit of nearly $35 billion.

And Gov. Gray Davis—ever the tacky host—has made a state budget proposal that expects public university students (among many other groups) to help clean up an awe-inspiring mess.

But as any party pooper will tell you, if you play, you pay, and playing is exactly what we've been doing in California for the last nine years of economic flourish and stabilized college fees.

California's public universities withstood the national trend of rising education costs, maintaining an average annual resident tuition of $2,561 compared to the U.S. average of $3,506. As students, we enjoyed added services, more flexible class schedules and an increased availability in financial aid.

And now that the state's economy has collapsed, we're naturally expected to do some paying. According to the California State University's Board of Trustees, CSU undergraduate fees will jump $72 this semester and as much as $394 more for the upcoming 2003-04 school year. Two-year institutions will see a 118-percent increase in fees from the current $11 per unit to $24 per unit. Those poor suckers over at the University of California are going to have to cough up an extra $1199 annually for the privilege of attending that institution.

Man. Talk about a hangover.

This is what happens, however, when we lean so heavily on a state economy known more for its volatility and caprice than anything close to a sure bet. Many students claim to have been "blindsided" by the fee increases, but it seems much more likely that we took our good fortune for granted. After all, who can forget the heady prosperity of early 2000, when the CSU issued a glowing press release about the governor's proposed 10 percent increase that year in the system's budget?

"We are grateful that the governor has consistently made education his top priority, and this budget is a reflection of that," said CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed at the time. "Consistent, long-term funding helps the CSU, students and parents to plan better financially."

What a difference three years make. Nevertheless, Reed's comments don't unveil a contradiction as much as they highlight the type of optimism that welcomed many of us into the CSU system.

In today's more cynical education climate, Reed's comments may seem disingenuous.

It would be equally disingenuous of us as students, however, to assume that we can lay claim to California's robust economy one day and ultimately keep that claim—at the expense of other services such as health care or K-12 education—when the money disappears.

And although students can't be held accountable for the often-crushing ineptitude of our state officials or university administrators, we do have to look at the current budget crisis for what it is: a complete failure in foresight. The state wasn't conserving surplus funds for a worst-case scenario, universities weren't anticipating any kind of economic decline and students weren't paying attention when the deficit rumors began circulating in the local media last summer.

The signs of a slowdown were everywhere, but we were having way too much fun to notice.

But while the party might be over, the sky isn't falling. California still has some of the most affordable public education in the country, and we had to expect the good times to end sometime.

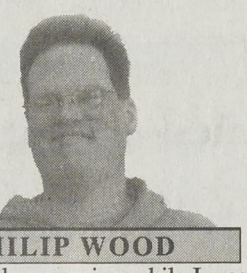
After we choke back the initial panic of such a sudden and severe increase, we'll be back in our classes, waiting in lines, getting on with our lives. It's a pain, but hey—this is California.

The next party will be here before we know it.

Think the state budget shortfall is overblown, or are we really in a crisis? Let us know at ***editor@statehornet.com***

Same old Saturday

Little notice taken of Columbia tragedy



PHILIP WOOD

Saturday morning while I was waking up to go to work, the space shuttle Columbia was disintegrating over Texas.

Shuttle parts fell to earth while I was in the in shower, business as usual.

I listened to the radio. A Saturday replay of the Armstrong & Getty Show was on. KSTE replayed the show where A&G interviewed a Raelian cult member whose cult claims to have cloned a human. On the replay, the pair discussed the out of control Oakland Raider fans who rioted in Oakland after the Super Bowl. Business as usual.

Driving from my home in El Dorado Hills about an hour and a half after the shuttle incident, I kept listening to the A&G replays from the previous week. The radio station didn't have advertising to fill between break times, so they ran long house ads. Nobody broke into the "best of" show to bring information about the shuttle.

I got to the bookstore, where I work, at 8. My boss came up and unlocked the door for me. We said good morning, and I started my workday. Business as usual.

Half an hour later, some co-workers showed up, and we greeted each other. Business as usual.

At 9, we opened our doors.

Another co-worker came in. My boss was at the front counter with me, and the co-worker asked if we knew about the shuttle. My boss said she watched it on the news before she came in, and I asked my co-worker what happened.

That was the first I heard of it.

Until then, everything was business as usual.

I was assigned to the registers the first hour. The first hour isn't usually a busy hour, but there is traffic at the registers. Not a word was said by the customers about the incident.

At that time in the morning, people usually show up to buy newspapers – mostly Barron's, a weekly financial newspaper.

One guy purchased 18 copies of Barron's because he was mentioned in it and wanted to know if anyplace else in town sold the paper so he could get more copies about himself.

Not a word was mentioned about the events of the day.

Some of us were working in the back at around 11. We turned the radio on and tuned it to National Public Radio. It was the first I heard

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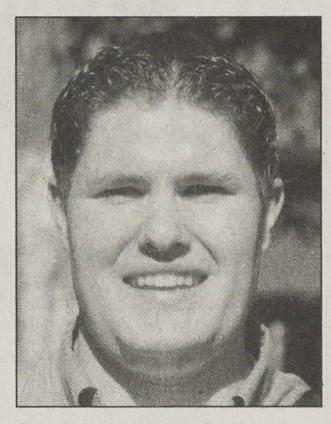
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"Easy. Very easy. America needs more preachers."

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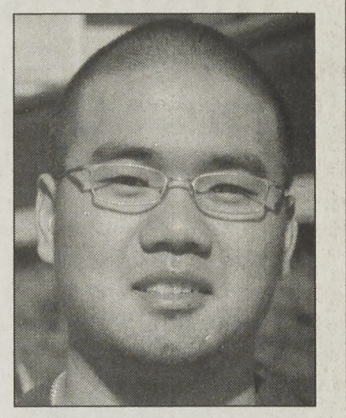
"I think I'm going to be in school until 2005. The economy should be good then."

Chad Homesley
Business Admin.
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"I believe it's going to be difficult because I'm going to be a teacher. They need teachers,but it's not easy to find work."

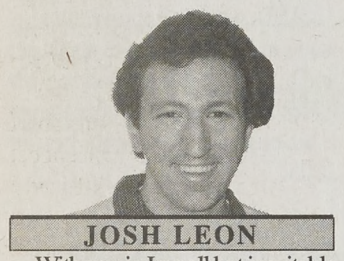
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"The industry changes so fast, so I have no idea."

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Computer Eng.
Sophomore

Forgotten lessons from the Middle East



JOSH LEON

With war in Iraq all but inevitable, yet another protest column from the left seems a useless gesture. The national debate ended last year when Congress gave the Bush administration full authorization to use force. The grim reality is that the ensuing discussions both in the United Nations and the Bush administration amount to little more than lip service.

But let me get two points off my chest: First, no educated guesser in the Bush clan has the slightest idea what will happen if ground troops enter the streets of Baghdad.

Reporters are ready and waiting to bring home images of American troops in brutal combat. The reality of this war will be quite a bit harder to conceal than the last Gulf conflict, which took place mostly in the desert.

Though hawks boast a majority of public opinion, we run the risk of seeing how true Bush's words ring in the face of real sacrifice. My guess: the American people won't tolerate it (see Vietnam).

Second, I hope someone in Bush's new economic team is smart enough to explain to the boss one key point that separates this Gulf War from the last: death and destruction aren't free. In fact, White House economist Lawrence Lindsay put the price tag at as high as $200 billion.

Ten years ago, we split the war bill. In 1991 Saudi Arabia and other countries funded the vast majority of the war effort to expel the Iraqi army from Kuwait. This time around, those governments can barely voice a whisper of support without fear of getting lynched by their citizenry.

And to make matters worse, the U.S. piggy bank is running on empty, with deficits soaring and no economic recovery in sight. So who will be left picking up the tab? Most likely you will, based on typical Bush spending patterns.

To pay for the current military buildup, Bush and his accomplices in Congress have quietly been cutting back federal funds for road and freeway infrastructure, health insurance subsidies and unemployment payments, to name a few.

The cost of war will force these cutbacks even deeper. And unfortunately, Democrats in Congress, with few exceptions, have been unable or unwilling to mount an effective opposition to social spending cuts or the war. We can only hope these possibilities are never realized.

Yet, in the face of a near conspiratorial neglect of history in the press, one need only look to the beginning of U.S. policy in the Persian Gulf to see how we got here:

1953: The CIA overthrows Iran's only democratic leader in its history, Mohammed Mossadeq, because his government is communist.

This happened not long after he nationalized Iran's British controlled oil on the wild hope of using its considerable profit for Iranians.

The CIA installed the bloodthirsty Reza Shah in his place, beginning a long reign of American-sponsored terror. We now had our ally in the oil-rich gulf region.

1979: Fed up with the Shah, Iran revolted, leaving the cleric Ayatollah Khomaini on the top of the heap. Goodbye brutal anti-Communist regime, hello brutal anti-American fundamentalists! But what to do about our noticeable lack of an ally?

1980s: Enter America's new marriage of convenience in the Gulf: Saddam Hussein.

And by all accounts, this was one expensive honeymoon, ranging from billions of dollars in loans and subsidies right up to the Gulf War, weapons of mass destruction technology and a green light for Hussein's invasions against Iran and Kuwait.

Such support clearly enhanced the power of the vile dictator we face today, and as we see, violent solutions in the region have consequences.

Perhaps the most heinous connection of all is the consistent willingness of this administration and those before it to exchange blood for political leverage in this oil rich region.

Sooner or later casualties or economic unrest will lead a fickle public to start demanding answers on Middle East policy.

Republicans had better cross their fingers and hope they're not the ones left holding the bag.

Divided by choice

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and Business major. "(Polarization) is not detrimental to the campus, but it is as soon as any type of disrespect is shown."

The class and Monk seemed to have a mostly positive outlook , with many of the vocal students believing that most of their peers are open-minded and receptive to each other.

I truly wanted to believe that they were right. But as I walked through campus the next day, surveying the various groups in their normal spots, I sighed as I realized that the class' rosy view is far from reality.

My experience as a Filipino-German-Chinese-Spanish student tells me otherwise.

Since I don't look "exactly" Filipino or act "exactly" Filipino, "true" Filipinos weren't quite sure what to make of me at first. Interacting with them became a sort of subcultural immersion. Slowly they got used to me. I got used to them. Bridging those cultural divides is rewarding, but why does it have to be so hard?

We don't have separate bathrooms at Sac State for "coloreds" and "whites." We'd be righteously outraged if school officials decided to enforce such brutal laws. And courses like Monk's class heighten awareness. But being aware of diversity and celebrating it are two different things entirely.

On campus, and in society at large, we tolerate each other...but little more. Is that the best we can do?

Readers' Forum

Stop whining!

Students are NOT shouldering part of the state's burden. The fees you pay as a student do not come near paying the cost of your education. All the state is asking is for people getting free services or subsidies to deal with getting less free stuff. $72 dollars per semester isn't jack. Spend fewer nights on the town, and bring a sack lunch once in a while.

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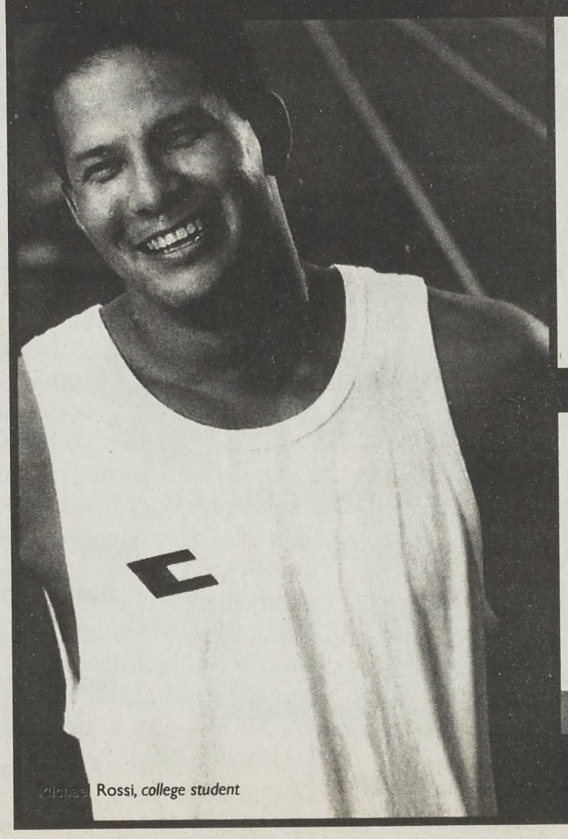
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'Business as usual'

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of the shuttle explosion from a media outlet. President Bush made a statement to the nation. One of my co-workers made a joke about Bush.

Regardless of the catastrophe, it was business as usual.

The host of the NPR program, whose name I don't remember, coldly stated the facts of the disaster, and said the astronauts "expired." Not "died," not "perished," not "killed." They "expired," like they had outlived their shelf life, and were discarded.

The language of journalism, in search of objectivity, can be sterile sometimes.

Have to keep things business as usual.

NPR was running a pledge drive. They halted it to cover the breaking news events, but the on-air personalities made it clear that people could still call the toll free numbers and donate money. They gave out the numbers between accounts of the Columbia explosion.

I lost a lot of respect for NPR Saturday, and they should be ashamed for conducting business as usual.

Back out on the sales floor, it got very busy. Kids, twenty- and thirty-somethings, middle aged people, senior citizens – they were all there. They all needed to get their entertainment fix.

The store staff was outnumbered and overmatched by their demand for quick service.

We sold books, CDs and DVDs like they were going out of style, and all the while not a word was said about the national tragedy by the staff or the customers.

As I left the building for lunch and later after work, the parking lot was packed with cars, just like always. Business as usual.

I had to stop over at my parents' house after work. Not a word was mentioned about the shuttle, even though CNN was on the television, broadcasting video after video of the Columbia breaking into a daytime fireworks display over Texas.

I remember Jan. 28, 1986. I remember right where I was and what I was doing when I heard the Challenger exploded after takeoff.

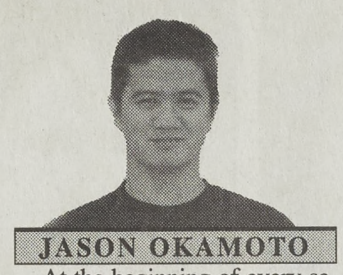
It was different then.

It was like people who remember where they were when Kennedy was assassinated. The room I was in went silent and everybody in the room was stunned as we realized the unthinkable happened.

The world seemed to stop for a while. Dan Rather teared up on television during his broadcast. He didn't do that again until he went on Letterman after Sept. 11 when the next big thing happened.

Saturday, the unthinkable happened again, but this time nobody seemed to notice, and the day was business as usual.

My unhealthy romance with CASPER



JASON OKAMOTO

At the beginning of every semester, I have a fling with the same woman.

I spend hours meticulously preparing, so everything will go smoothly during our rendezvous. When we first engage in our little lyrical tango, she is polite and asks questions, however, soon after, she takes a turn for the worse.

One moment, she is asking me what I want, the next moment turning me down, and advising me to take my trivial desires elsewhere.

This is the time when our dates have never gone well. I mean, she has all of the control. She sets the days and times we meet, demands a ridiculous amount of attention (lulls in conversation are rewarded with her immediate withdrawal), and her curfew is a childishly early 7 p.m.

As badly as she treats me, semester after semester, I keep crawling back to her.

I have no choice. And I'm not alone.

You've probably been with her, too. "She" is the Computer Access Student Phone Entry Registration.

When you're a freshman taking the tour of the campus for the first time, they make using CASPER sound easy and fun, leaving out the part about endless busy signals and the ever disappointing, "The course you have selected is…full…."

On top of the overall annoying anxiety of being rejected, there are a couple particular stresses that CASPER could relieve but, for now, the university officials have chosen to leave the system as is.

Like the 12-hour access window. CASPER's phone lines are only open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. during the week, and only one day each weekend is inconvenient.

Although the early bird may catch the worm, who's to say that the night owls can't make moves of their own?

With a closing hour that comes before my dinnertime, it's not that easy just to pick up the phone and dial.

Personally, I like to set aside a good half-hour putting myself in a Zen mind-state before calling in. Some students might have work hours not compatible to CASPER. Others might still be in class.

So what would it take for CASPER to stay awake a couple more hours?

After all, it is a computer service, and last time I checked, computers don't have a bedtime. Other schools, like UC Davis, have registration systems that are open till midnight.

Recognizing the ever growing population of students at Sacramento State and the need for a more efficient registration system, the Associated Students Inc. has recently addressed the issue.

The Board of Directors recently passed a piece of legislation that should take steps to begin to improve the process. Along with pushing for CASPER to have a wider timeframe, ASI wants it open on weekends, and also is pushing for virtual access to student records and files.

Zachary Donohue, Associated Students Arts and Letters Director, and the primary writer of the CASPER legislation, finds the registration process on a growing campus is a huge issue, and hopes that their actions will work for the students.

When you're a freshman, they make using CASPER sound easy.

"We are just trying to make things easier for the students, by making the registration process less annoying," he said.

Although it is obvious I support ASI's efforts, there is the harsh reality that we students just might have to just live with what we have.

Brian Smyth, Manager of Administrative Computing,oversees CASPER. He expects the program will be history by 2005, replaced with a voice-activated system. Around the same time, a program, developed by software giant PeopleSoft, will most likely replace CasperWeb, which is used by almost half of registering students.

According to Smyth, the reason CASPER isn't being immediately made over is money. And he poses a legitimate question: With the recent budget constraints, is it really worth it spending money on CASPER?

The part of me that has senior priority answers, "No." The part of me that has been burned by bad dates with CASPER says, "Hell, yes."

Word has it that the only improvement coming soon is expanding the number of registration days.

That's a start.

ASI's work to improve our registration system deserves applause, and hopefully in cooperation with CASPER, they can make things a bit easier for students before 2005.

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PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Hornet guard Raashad Hooks averaged 14.5 points, five rebounds, four assists and 2.5 steals this weekend as the Hornets split two games.

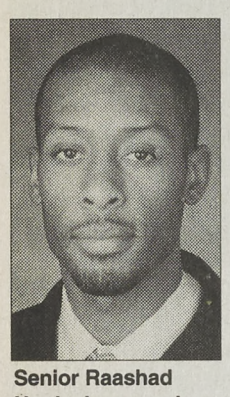
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STAT OF THE WEEK

After not recording a road victory in the 2000-01 and 2001-02 seasons, the men's basketball team has recorded five so far this season.

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Men's hoops gets split in Big Sky State



Senior Raashad Hooks is averaging 9.4 points per game.

NICHOLAS LOZITO
State Hornet

Coming into Big Sky Conference play this week, Sacramento State's men's basketball team was dead last in the conference in rebounding margin.

Cue the return of Cedric Thompkins, who led Sac State in rebounding last season, averaging 6.3 per game. The 6-foot-7 forward missed the Hornets' first 17 games due to academic ineligibility.

This past weekend, Thompkins pulled down 13 rebounds as the Hornets (8-12 overall, 2-5 in Big Sky) won at Montana State (9-11, 3-4), 72-66, on Thursday and lost at the University of Montana (9-13, 3-4), 66-59, on Saturday.

With the road split, the Hornets moved into a sixth-place tie in the Big Sky with Northern Arizona and Portland State. The top-six teams advance to the Big Sky Tournament in March.

Senior point guard Raashad Hooks paced the Hornets in Thursday's win with 14 points, six assists and five rebounds.

"I basically told Raashad in front of the whole team, 'If Raashad plays well, we have a chance to win,'" Jenkins said.

Senior forward Derek Lambeth scored 13 points with five rebounds while Thompkins had 11 points and five rebounds in 16 minutes before fouling out.

The Hornets outrebounded the Bobcats 27-22, marking the first time all season that Sac State had outrebounded a Big Sky opponent.

The Hornets finished the game shooting 61 percent from the field and 6-for-11 from 3-point range.

On Saturday, Montana went on a 16-3

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Junior gymnast Binta Coleman

Coleman vaults past competition

DANIEL BARNES
State Hornet

Binta Coleman, her hands covered in chalk and wrapped in leather safety straps, has just finished her practice routine on the uneven bars.

She slaps her hands together coughing up dust, and glances over at the cartwheeling preschoolers who share her practice space. The kids are not much younger than Coleman was when she started taking gymnastics classes.

Looking back and forth from the tumbling preschoolers to Coleman, is like looking at a before-and-after photo that advertises 17 years of physically demanding gymnastics training and grueling self-sacrifice.

"My mom got me started in gymnastics classes when I was six, and I've been competing ever since I was 10 years old," said Coleman, a junior civil engineering major and the scoring leader on the promising, yet injury-plagued Sacramento State gymnastics team. "It's something that I eventually grew to love."

Gymnastics has dominated Coleman's life ever since she was a pig-tailed preschool tumbler herself, and she's returned the favor by dominating her competition.

In the team's Jan. 26 meet against Cal State Fullerton, Coleman placed first in three different events, although the Hornets ended up narrowly losing the meet.

Besides being the team's individual scoring leader, Coleman, according to her coaches is the Hornets' top "all-arounder." As an all-arounder she competes in the vault, the balance beam, the uneven bars, and the floor exercise.

With the team's other top gymnasts, Toni Petersen and Stefanie Aeder sidelined by season-ending injuries, Coleman holds more than chalk and leather in her hands; she may hold the fate of the Hornets' entire season.

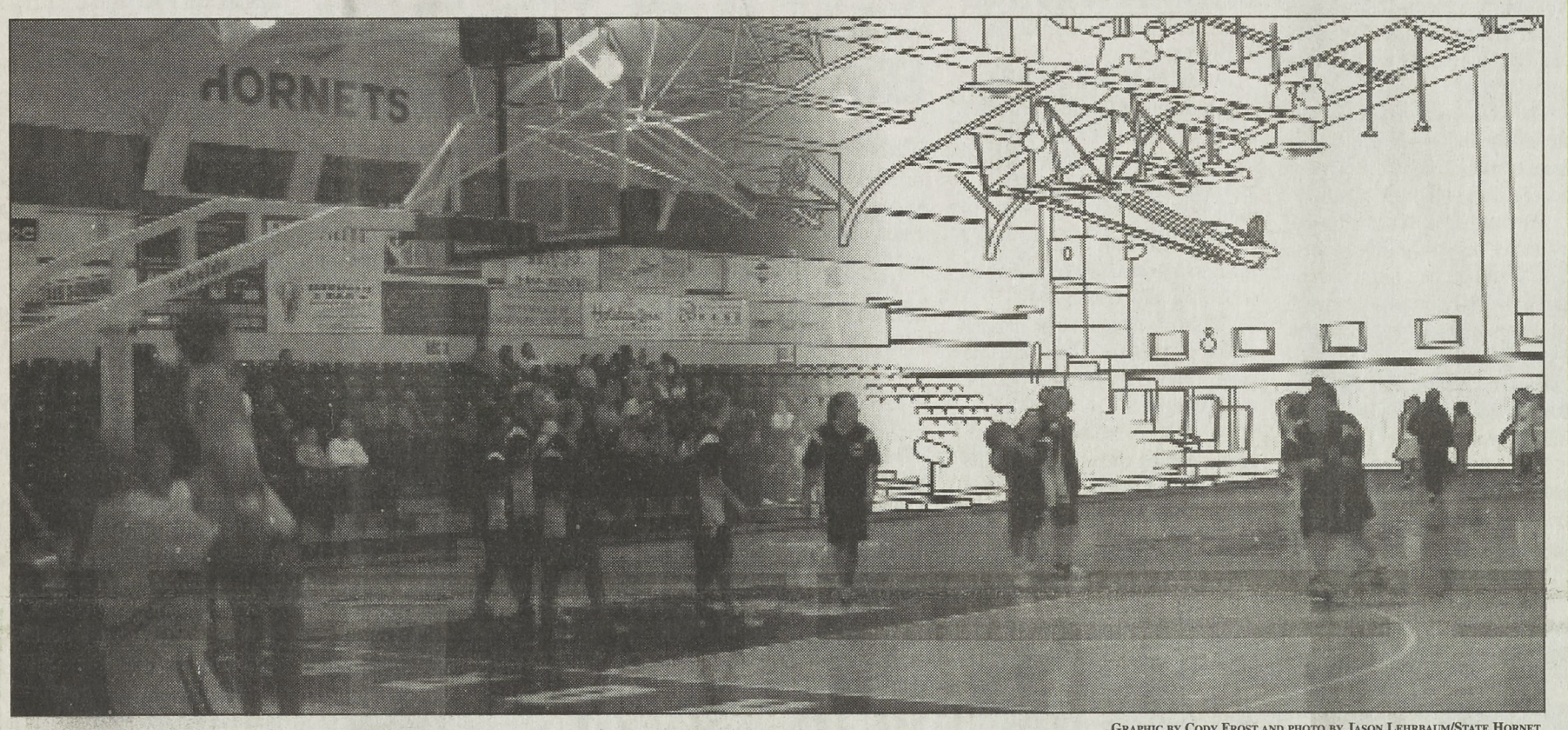
"With Toni being out, Binta is our top competitor," 25-year head coach Kim Hughes said. "She sets the example on training and on having that competitive edge. Having girls out with injuries makes her stand out even more."

Coleman claims she doesn't feel any extra pressure to perform because of the injuries.

"In gymnastics, we're scored as a team, so the whole team feels the pressure, not just one

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"It's more than a basketball gym. It's a way to enhance the quality of student life." – Athletic Director Terry Wanless



GRAPHIC BY CODY FROST AND PHOTO BY JASON LEHRBAUM/STATE HORNET
Hornet Gym, which seats 1,500, serves as home to the Sacramento State women's and men's basketball teams, the volleyball team and the gymnastics team.

A blueprint for success

Plans for new facility need cash

NICHOLAS LOZITO
State Hornet

As the Sacramento State athletic department continues to grow under new Athletic Director Terry Wanless, Hornet Gym continues to show more and more rust.

On Dec. 14, 2002, 1,667 fans jam-packed the 1,500-seat gym against Oregon State, and many more were turned away at the door. If the Hornets were to win a Big Sky Conference Championship, it has yet to be determined whether it could host the Big Sky Championships at the gym.

The 50-year-old building located on the west side of campus is home to Sacramento State men's and women's basketball, volleyball and gymnastics.

"If we had a 5-to-6,000 seat arena it would be a very good fit for this campus, this community, this program, and I think the kind of fan interest we could generate," Wanless said.

Hornet Gym is tied with Portland State's Stott Center for the lowest seating capacity in the Big Sky, holding 1,500 people.

Weber State's Dee Events

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At the Gates

A look at arena capacity throughout the Big Sky.

Weber State	12,000
Montana	7,500
Montana State	7,250
North. Arizona	7,000
Eastern Wash.	6,000
Idaho State	3,241
Portland State	1,500
Sac State	1,500

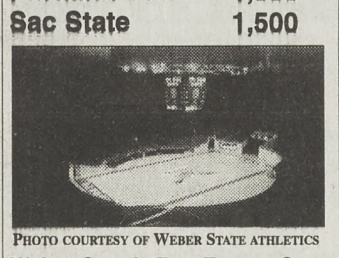


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Weber State's Dee Events Center has a capacity of 12,000.

New arena necessary for growth

The future is now for the Sacramento State men's basketball team.

With SLAM magazine's No. 33 dunker Jameel Pugh and the Pac-10's E.J. Harris suiting up next season alongside former all-Big Sky player Joel Jones, the future is now.

The 2003-04 rendition of the men's basketball team just may be the most potent and able bunch of them all. Seriously. Next year's team could very well be the most



dynamic team in the Big Sky next season.

"Knowing that we have a couple of student-athletes that are sitting out this season that will greatly contribute to the team next year," Hornet Athletic Director Terry Wanless said. "I think that's a real positive sign for them."

But is the future ready for us?

With a quick glance at our current gymnasium, Hornet Gym,

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Underclassmen lead Hornets to sweep over PSU

DANNY PINTO
State Hornet

The Sacramento State men's tennis season began with a dominating effort this past Sunday as the Hornets defeated the visiting Portland State Vikings, 7-0, at Rio Del Oro Racquet Club.

The freshmen were up for the challenge in their first match as Hornets. Inexperience is rampant on this squad, but sophomore Matthew Jones feels that this team is capable of doing great things.

"Our goal is definitely the Big Sky Championship, and we'd also like the opportunity to do some damage in the NCAA (Tournament)," Jones said.

But there is one prominent face



Matthew Jones
Hornet Tennis

coming back this year. The 2002 Big Sky Player of the Year is back for another season, this time as a head coach.

Former Hornet star Sherif Zaher got is first win in his debut as the head coach of the Hornets. Moving out of the college player rankings and right into the head coaching position is a tall task, but Zaher feels he is up for it.

"It's definitely tough, especially when you want to do it yourself," Zaher said. "But (the players) are good listeners and they work hard."

Last year Zaher guided the Hornets to a Big Sky Championship and NCAA Tournament berth.

Led by Jones and freshman Lewis Van Splunteren on Saturday, the Hornets' No. 1 doubles team, set the tone for the 2003 season. They soundly beat the Vikings' No. 1 doubles team of Chuck Haselwood and Beau Smith, 8-2.

In the No. 2 doubles match, the Hornet tandem of freshmen Julien Chatelan and Jakub Sliva outlasted Colin Gillan and Mark Simpson, 9-8, after a tie-breaking set.

In the No. 3 doubles match, jun-

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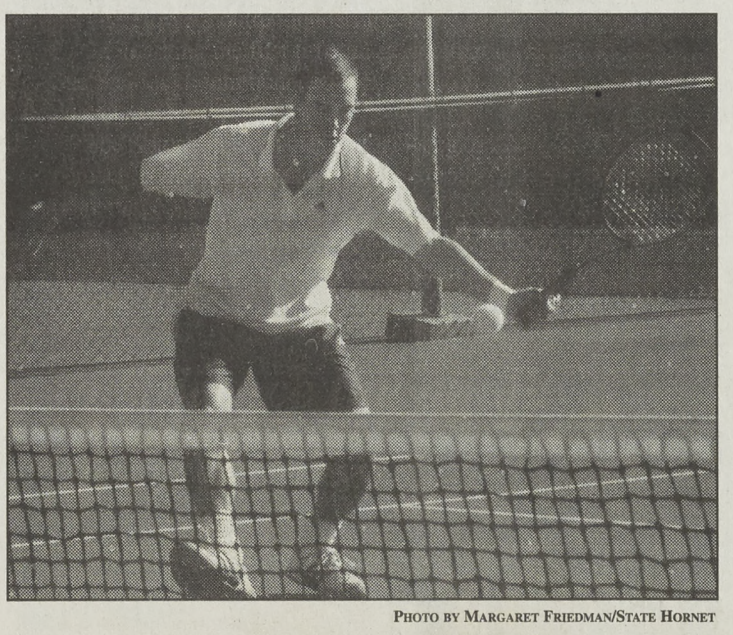
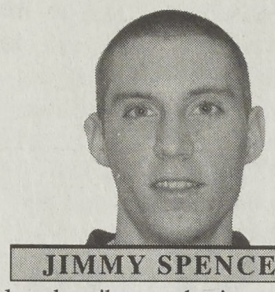


PHOTO BY MARGARET FRIEDMAN/STATE HORNET
Hornet freshman Julien Chatelan (above) defeated Chuck Haselwood of Portland State University in singles competition, 6-1.

It's not the coach; it's the system



JIMMY SPENCER

In nearly every aspect of life it is essential to have cohesion between the top and the bottom.

Parents and children, bosses and employees and teachers and students must all be able to work together within an appropriate structure that suits everyone.

In sports it is no different. Varying ideologies must reach an accord suitable for the program, so that players, coaches, administrators and ultimately the fans are all pleased.

It is a difficult formula, but he is making it work.

He puts in the time. He holds an "open-door" policy with all Hornet athletes. He masks his constant evaluations with a certain encouraging smile that makes others confident that everything is going to be all right.

Sacramento State Athletic Director Terry Wanless appears gracious on a personal level. He masters an articulate form of communication. An easing voice used to soothe disgruntled fans or the occasional troubled players.

Sure, he is a compassionate man, but that doesn't stop him from making seemingly cutthroat decisions when necessary.

This past fall, Wanless made his first aggressive move by firing head football coach John Volek. The decision came after a 2002 season flooded with controversy and negative publicity.

But it wasn't just the player and coaching suspensions, or even the Jay Leno pokes at Sac State that led to the former coach's ultimate termination. It was a concoction of qualities all too wrong for Wanless' type of program.

When deciding on coaching positions, Wanless must steer through a comprehensive evaluation to consider the right pick for Sac State's program.

The job as A.D. here at Sac State differs from an A.D. at a powerhouse athletic school such as Stanford, Cal or Arizona.

A big time atheltic school is structured according to what Wanless describes as a business model.

The business model is more likened to that of pro sports, where records and money are the only representations of success.

As Wanless describes it, "If you win, you keep your job. If you lose, you're gone."

Contrary to the business model, is what is called the educational model. This system focuses on making athletes into solid citizens by focusing on academics and sportsmanship, rather than just winning and losing.

Sac State's formula is to draw together both the business model and the educational model. In this approach, other facets surrounding the game, particularly the development of student athletes, dilute aspects of the business model.

"Education is what we do first and if we're doing that well, then that kind of tempers the business model part of the job," Wanless said. "But ultimately we still must have success."

The educational-business structure is more fitting here at Sac State since our athletic department is less focused on a win-now mentality.

We don't need a coach focused primarily on a winning record.

It would be like hiring a government finance professor to teach a third grade math class. The college professor would fail to reach students in the same way someone more suited for elementary school children would.

Not to say that a coach at Sac State should be elementary in their coaching, but our coaches must be interactive coaches, who will work with players on and off the field.

Mooshagian, most effective in his "hands-on" coaching approach, was selected to create a profound change in the program.

"It's not a negative against the person being replaced," Wanless said. "It's simply that when you make a change, you want to represent that change in a variety of ways."

For Sac State football, we needed to make a change in the way coach and player personalities were representing our school.

That can be said for all Hornet programs. It becomes the coach's responsibility to enstill a combination of sportsmanship, academic values and a winning attitude.

It all comes down to finding the right fit for the system.

Bay Area sports teams have recently shown the importance of harmony between a coach and upper management. Steve Mariucci, Jon Gruden, Art Howe and Dusty Baker are known as a few of the best coaches in pro sports. Still, all of these men were let go from their former franchises because of their differences within a desired structure.

There must be commonalities through every rung of an organization, and if ideological disparity emerges, the axe is swung.

The principles in which decisions are made at Sac State are what make us different from many other Div. I schools.

We are the mom and pop restaurant hidden within the scattered chains of Applebee's and McDonalds. We hold ethics above dollars and player development over total wins.

This past fall, changes were made to a football program marred with distasteful conduct.

When our administrators, coaches and players are all on the same page, it allows programs to operate on all cylinders.

In a sports world filled with greed, putting moral values at the forefront is something we at Sac State should be proud of.

To respond to Jimmy Spencer's column, please send e-mail to jspencer916@hotmail.com

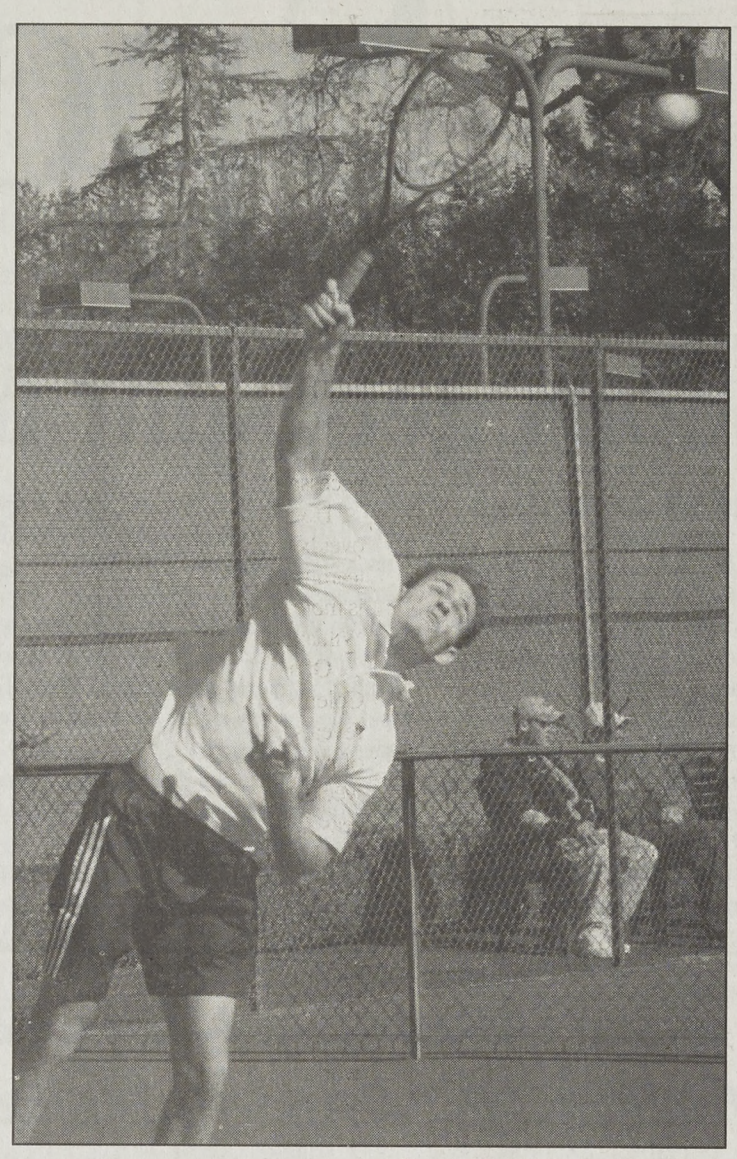


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Freshman tennis player Jakub Sliva serves against Portland State.

Hornets whip Vikings

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ior Nick Sheehan and freshman Anders Albertsen of Sac State defeated the Vikings' Cole Shelton and Robbie Eifford, 8-1.

With a 3-0 start, the format changed to singles competition, in which the Vikings' continued to have no answer for any of their Hornet counterparts.

Jones, the Hornets' No. 1 singles player, won the first set over Smith, 6-1. Jones controlled the match throughout, and Smith was forced to retire with a leg injury, awarding another point to the Hornets.

Chatelan was up one set in the No. 2 singles match over Haselwood, who also succumbed to injury and had to retire.

In the No. 3 singles match, Sheehan defeated Simpson, 6-1, 6-2. Sliva blasted through Eifford, 6-0, 6-1, in the No. 4 contest, while Van Splunteren ousted Shelton in convincing fashion in the No. 5 contest, 6-0, 6-1. In the No. 6 match Albertsen had little trouble with Gillan, beating him 6-2, 6-0.

The next match is Thursday when the UC Davis Aggies come to the Rio Del Oro Racquet Club. The aces, forehands and lob shots begin at 2 p.m.

"We just have to play one team at a time," Zaher said. "Every match is a new day."

In The Brief

Hornet gymnastics take down Causeway rival in Davis

The Sacramento State's women's gymnastics team improved their record to 3-3, beating rival UC Davis, 192.325-191. 325. Even without last week's all-around winner, junior Binta Coleman, the Hornets were able to rely on the combination of youth and experience for some key scores.

Freshman Kimiye Narasaki was edged by Aggie Flora Bare, 38.950- 38.900, in the all-around competition. Narasaki tied for first with senior teammate Jenny Diamond on the beam, when both gymnasts scored a 9.775. Narasaki and Diamond then placed first and second, respectively, on the vault. Narasaki scored a 9.825 and Diamond a 9.700.

As a team, the Hornets placed first on the vault and bars while Davis garnered the top scores on the beam and floor. Sophomore Jessica Hoffman placed third in the all-around with a final score of 38.050. Sac State's next meet is at home against San Jose State at 2 p.m. on Feb. 16.

Owls howlin' from double sting of Hornet baseball team

For the first time since 1991, the Sacramento State baseball team started the season 2-0. The Hornets met at a neutral Nettleton Stadium in Chico, Calif. to play a doubleheader against the Oregon Tech Hustlin' Owls.

The Hornets rolled through game No. 1, defeating the Owls 9-1. Hornet starting pitcher Steve Cuckovich recorded his first win of the season, scattering six hits and giving up just a single run in five innings.

The offense jumped out early, outscoring the Owls 7-1 through the first three innings. Junior Jesse Schmidt led the Hornets in hits with two, as fellow junior Chris Kinsey drove in three runs.

Game No. 2 followed a different script as the Hornets waited until the last two innings to break out offensively and win 11-3. The power surge included four homeruns coming off the bats of Schmidt, Kinsey, junior John Acha and sophomore Brett LeVier.

Junior Renecke Stelzriede got the win in relief.

The Hornets will play their home opener on Tuesday, Feb. 4, at 2 p.m. against the University of the Pacific.

Tennis squeezes by Long Beach

The Hornet women's tennis team improved to 2-1 by defeating No. 74 Long Beach State, 4-3, on Saturday.

Sac State won all three doubles matches to earn the doubles point. The two teams split the six singles matches, with No. 1 seed Margarita Kaurnakhova, No. 3 seed Ann Roslund and No. 4 seed Petra Abraham coming out victorious for the Hornets.

Hornet No. 2 seed Roberta Fessenko, No. 5 seed Amanda Sanches and No. 6 seed Cristina Rivieccio all lost in their respective matches.

The Hornets will next travel to the University of Oregon to take on the Ducks on Friday at 6:30 p.m.

Coles, Dupree pace Hornet track in Washington Invitational

Sacramento State's track and field team traveled to their first meet of the season, the Husky Invitational, this Saturday in the Dempsey Indoor Track at the University of Washington.

The Hornets placed 10 of their athletes into top 10 spots within their individual events.

Jay D. Coles finished in the top 10 of two different categories as he placed sixth in the long jump and seventh in the triple jump. Jonathan Davis contributed with a 6.98, 60-meter dash time worthy of a tie for seventh place.

Roshena Duree, who finished third in the triple jump, fifth in the long jump and ninth in the 60-meter hurdles, led the women.

The Hornets will compete next at the Bill Cosby Invitational in Reno, Nev. next week.

Arena dreams may soon become reality

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Center leads the Big Sky in capacity at 12,000. Their facility was built in 1978 and funded by private donations.

The other five Big Sky schools range between 7,500 and 3,241 in capacity.

Hornet Gym was renovated in 1999 under the authorization of former Athletic Director Debby Colberg, installing chair-back seating and upgrading the locker rooms.

But, according to Wanless, there is only so much you can do with an outdated gym, and Sac State is in dire need of a new facility.

"I think we obviously will have to be involved in the corporate structure in terms of potential naming rights, signage, luxury boxes," Wanless said. "Also, I think there is going to be some private fundraising involved in this project, and in all probability a student referendum."

Associated Students, Inc. President Eric Guerra remains skeptical about sponsoring a referendum, which would increase student fees for athletics. Students currently pay $52.50 to the athletic department.

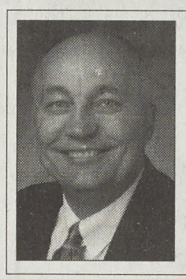
"First of all, I'd like to see support from the university and the community before students go out and say we need to contribute," Guerra said. "We're not at that level where we could bring in thousands and millions of dollars."

Athletic referendums aren't new to the Sac State campus.

In 1995, Sac State students voted to increase their fees towards athletics by $10 increments over four years.

In 1998, the student population voted against a referendum for a new recreational facility, which would have housed both basketball programs.

In order for an athletic referendum to get on the ballot any time soon, Guerra believes that the student body will need a clear understanding of what the new facility will be used for.



Terry Wanless
Athletic Director

"We just don't need an arena," he said. "But if we can build it in a way where we can use it for multiple reasons, then that's how I feel we can get the best bang for our buck."

Wanless has marked two locations as possible sites for a new venue.

One is in the overflow parking lot across from the football stadium, while the other is where the football fieldhouse currently stands, adjacent to the stadium.

"You can't let anything be built on this campus without student input," Guerra said. "And it's going to happen. The administration wants to do it. There is nothing we can mandate, but obviously they need our support if students are going to go out and vote."

Wanless stresses that the department is not merely looking to build an arena, but rather a facility that could host concerts, graduation and other events along with athletic events.

"It's much more than a basketball gym," Wanless said. "It's a way to enhance the quality of student life."

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Gym getting in way of success



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the answer is a quick and resounding "No." Hornet Gym isn't ready for the kind of success next season's team can generate. Heck, Hornet Gym isn't even ready for the kind of success this year's team is generating.

As it stands, the facility doesn't even have the capabilities to televise home games.

Sounds petty doesn't it?

But think about. Televising every success and stride of the basketball program and beaming it into the homes of Sacramento's finest prep players could be the difference when it comes time for them to ink their national letters of intent.

If local recruits like Pugh, a former standout at Grant Union High School, had watched Sac State's program blossom with promise and hope from his living room four years ago, he might have stayed in Sacramento. Instead, the highly touted guard spent two seasons on the bench with the University of Massachusetts.

"I'm a huge believer that television is an asset to collegiate athletics," Wanless said. "Not only from the potential revenues that it might generate, but from exposure. And this is a program that needs exposure as much as anything.

"I think it makes it more difficult for our coaches to recruit the student-athletes that we need to compete successfully," Wanless said.

But Hornet Gym can't and won't do that for us – not in its present state.

"(Televising games) would be extremely difficult," Hornet Sports Information Director Brian Berger said. "If we needed to than we'd have to do something."

Televising home games should have been in the master plan from the get go.

Deals with local television stations should have been formed. Space during the recent renovation should have been allotted for campus and public television equipment.

However, the problem still remains: What if Sac State, with all the talent its nursing for next season, should do the unthinkable and win the Big Sky? Will Hornet Gym and the campus be ready for that kind of success?

Winning the Big Sky regular season means Sac State would get to host the Big Sky Championship. In simpler terms, that means Sac State would essentially become a weekend vacation stop for four lucky schools, all of who would be vying for the conference's only NCAA Tournament bid.

Herein lies the problem for Sac State. Hornet Gym has a seating capacity for only 1,500 people (tied for last in the Big Sky), only two locker rooms and a puny selection of restrooms and concessions; all of which greatly hinders our chances of ever hosting the conference championship.

"Obviously the seating capacity of the arena is insufficient to truly represent a Div. I athletic program," Wanless said. "We need to be in that 5-to-6,000 seat range, which would be comparable to most schools in the league."

Even if we played like champions, we couldn't *play* like champions.

Instead, a number of other things would probably transpire in this instance.

We could concede the honor to the regular season runner-up. If this were the case, along with passing on the honors of being tournament host, we'd also pass on all the revenue opportunities hosting the tournament would generate.

Wanless would rather not.

In all likelihood, we could rent another facility in the Sacramento-area, taking stabs at either the Kings' Arco Arena or Memorial Auditorium.

Either way, it is apparent Hornet Gym isn't the solution, for the present or the future.

It would be for a program content on losing, but given the work put into recruiting and attracting talent over the last few seasons, it is clear Wanless, men's head basketball coach Jerome Jenkins and women's head basketball coach Carolyn Jenkins aren't here to lose.

They are here to win, or die trying. Let's just hope our future can come to terms with that.

To respond to James Burns' column, please send e-mail to sacstatesports@yahoo.com

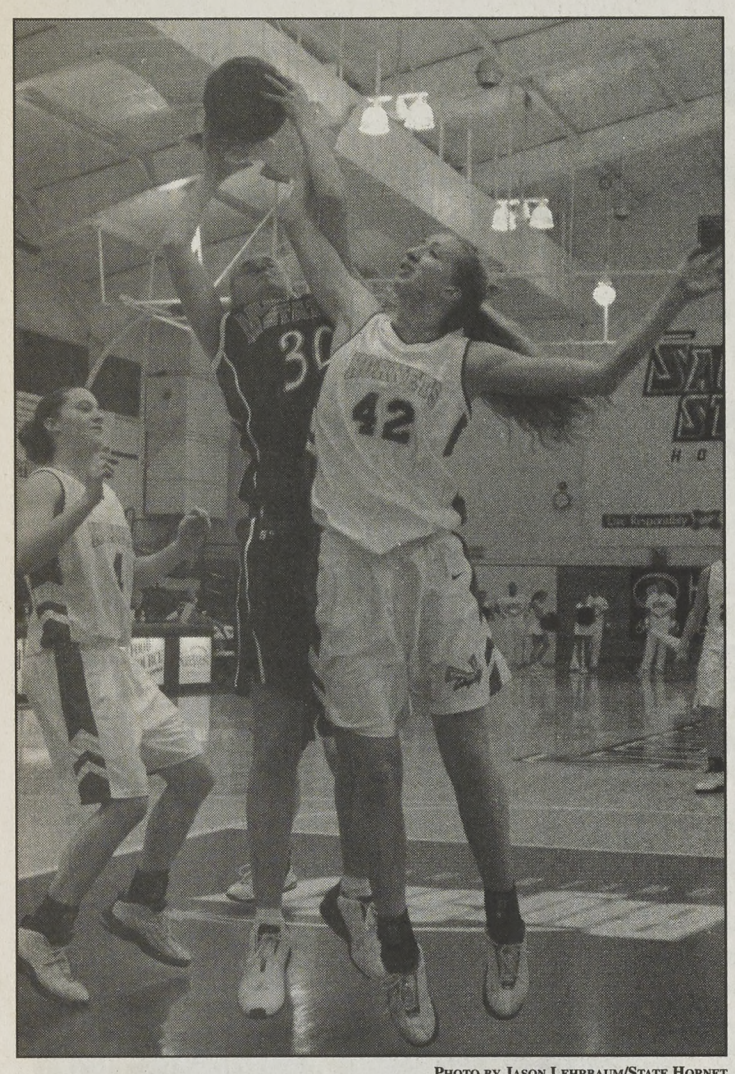


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Hornet center Kristine Knowlton (42) goes for a rebound in Thursday's game against Montana State as guard Megan Moon (left) looks on.

Hornets swept at home by Montana schools

KANNON YAMADA
State Hornet

An injury depleted Sacramento State women's hoops club couldn't hold the fort against trespassing teams from Montana this week, dropping both home games, losing 91-53 to Montana State and 82-45 to the University of Montana.

Against Montana (12-6 overall, 3-2 in Big Sky Conference), the Grizzlies jumped out to a six-point lead, connecting on their first three shots.

After the Hornets tied the score at 10, Montana went on a 32-10 run to take a 42-20 halftime lead. The Hornets were unable to make a serious threat in the second half.

Sarah Craig finished with a game-high 16 points on 6-of-11 shooting. Diane Peterson scored 11 points on 3-of-6 shooting from 3-point land.

For Craig, the Hornets' leading scorer, the contest marked an end to her scoring slump.

"I guess I lost perspective on what playing the game is all about," Craig said. "I just settled in and enjoyed the game and played with heart."

Montana outrebounded Sac State 45-38 and shot 9-of-21 from 3-point range.

Hornet center Kristine Knowlton pulled down a game-high 14 rebounds, tying her season high.

"We tried to get something going because no matter what we did defensively they came out and hit threes," Hornet coach Carolyn Jenkins said. "You have to pick your poison. You can give up either a three or a two. We tried to hunker down and pressure them to get some stops, but we couldn't."

Against Montana State (13-4, 4-0 Big Sky), the top-ranking team in the Big Sky Conference, the Hornets never led. After tying the game at 2-2 less than a minute into the contest, Montana State slammed on the accelerator and never looked back, zooming out to a 37-point victory.

Montana State shot a blistering 50.7 percent from the field. The Bobcats' freshman center Megan Foy scored a career-high 20 points on 4-of-7 shooting and converted on 12-of-13 free throws.

Although playing out of the Hornets' depleted post position, Kristine Knowlton recorded a career-high in blocks with eight, tied a season-high with 14 rebounds and had three steals.

"I like to block shots," Knowlton said. "It's easy if I back up and let them try to shoot."

The Hornets are currently missing forward Nichole Hardaway, who is out indefinitely for personal reasons, and forward Katelyn Ciampi, who has a stress fracture in the foot.

The Bobcats broke a program record with 31 assists.

"Montana State is a great offensive team," Jenkins said. "Anytime you leave them open, they're going to hit shots. We were trying to attack them inside. We created some great opportunities but we just couldn't finish. From an offensive standpoint we really weren't ourselves.

"From a defensive standpoint we got caught out of position too much and they hit the open shots."

The Hornets will go on the road to play Northern Arizona University on Saturday at 7:05 p.m.

Junior gymnast possesses power, grace and flare

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person," she said.

Still, Coleman admits that the team's diminished depth places the responsibility to "come through" on her shoulders.

The Sac State media guide lists Coleman at 5-foot-6, pretty lengthy for a gymnast but not necessarily tall.

However, she appears to tower over her relatively smaller teammates. Her powerful physique is more reminiscent of Serena Williams than Kerri Strug.

Of all the Hornet gymnasts, Coleman's body most readily reveals the effects of the 20 hours of practice time per week. Twice-weekly weightlifting and off-season sprinting, swimming and aerobic workouts are required to remain competitive in the world of gymnastics.

"When you think gymnastics, you don't necessarily think of Binta," said CSUS assistant coach Randy Solorio, who started working with Coleman 17 years ago at Byers Gymnastics Center.

"She's always been powerful, but she's gotten even stronger in the upper body as she's gotten older," he said. "Everything she does is big, and that's what makes her so special."

Hughes feels Coleman's strength is just a piece of her arsenal.

"Most people think of female gymnasts as tiny and petite, but Binta has a quality of strength and power, while also remaining graceful," Hughes said. "She's a good showperson with a lot of flair."

Even at a young age it didn't take long for Coleman's flair to catch fire.

After nearly a decade of childhood training and competition, the Elk Grove native went on to compete for the Laguna Creek High gymnastics team, where she finally started to realize her true potential.

"It wasn't until my coaches started talking about getting gymnastics scholarships that I realized how good I could be," Coleman said. "That really lit a fire under me to train harder."

Unlike most of her classmates, Coleman barely glanced at a television throughout high school and college.

Because Coleman attended a local high school, Hughes and his coaches had a unique opportunity to scout the gymnast for Sac State.

"We knew her abilities and had been watching her compete for a while," Hughes said. "She was one of the top high school senior athletes out there and we were lucky to recruit her."

Despite the team's injuries and setbacks, Coleman remains optimistic about the team's chances for the 2003 season.

"We've still got a long way to go," Coleman said. "We know what we can do because we've been doing it in practice. It's just a matter of doing it in front of the judges."



Binta Coleman
Hornet Gymnast

Unlike her injury-bitten teammates, Coleman has never suffered any major gymnastics-related injuries, a lucky streak in any competitive sport.

But this past week, Coleman was unable to compete in the Hornets' meet at UC Davis due to a sprained ankle which will keep her out for two weeks.

She is expected to make her return on Feb. 16 when the hornets take on San Jose State at Hornet Gym.

"Getting hurt is always a threat, but it's not something I wake up in the middle of the night thinking about," she said.

As Coleman's college career begins to wind down, Hughes believes she'll have to start looking beyond gymnastics.

"Being a gymnast requires quite a unique dedication, and there's a lot of sacrifice that goes on," Hughes said. "But once their college career is done, so are they."

"They're not going to train 20 hours a week or compete in meets anymore, and that can be a difficult transition."

Hughes tries to get his graduating gymnasts involved in other physical activities in order to ease the passage.

Although Coleman is rapidly approaching her graduation date, she's still not sure what she wants to do after school ends. However, she's starting to look forward to life after gymnastics training and competition.

"After gymnastics is over, I'll be able to focus solely on school," Coleman said. "I'll be piling on the units and trying to graduate as soon as possible."

Charity stripe costs Sac State

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run midway through the second half to take a 56-42 lead.

Junior forward Steve Horne led Montana with 19 points, while senior shooting guard David Bell scored 17.

Forward Jimmy White and Hooks paced the Hornets with 15 points apiece, while point guard DaShawn Freeman and Thompkins led the Hornets in rebounding with eight each.

The difference came at the free throw line, where the Grizzlies converted 20-of-26 charity shots, compared to Sac State's 9-of-15.

The Hornets, now halfway through their conference schedule, will next host Northern Arizona on Saturday at 7:05 p.m. in Hornet Gym.

The Hornets defeated NAU, 85-81, in double overtime on Jan. 11 for their first-ever road victory in Big Sky play.

Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Central Ticket Office in the University Union.

Big Sky Standings

Team	Conf.	Over.
Weber State	6-0	16-5
Eastern Wash.	5-2	13-8
Idaho State	4-2	11-8
Montana State	3-4	9-11
Montana	3-4	9-13
North. Arizona	2-5	11-9
Sac State	**2-5**	**8-12**
Portland State	2-5	4-16

Scoring Leaders

1. Jermaine Boyette	20.1
2. Ryan Mcdade	17.3
3. David Bell	17.0
4. Jeb Ivey	15.8
5. Kelly Golob	14.9
13. Derek Lambeth	**11.8**
T22. Jimmy White	**9.4**
T22. Raashad Hooks	**9.4**





CSUS Student ATHLETE of the WEEK



PETRA ABRAHAM, Women's Tennis

Junior Petra Abraham has been named Hornet Bookstore Athlete of the Week after leading the women's tennis team to a victory over Northern Arizona on Jan. 24. The Budapest, Hungary, native defeated Julie Schmandt, 6-2, 6-1, and teamed with Cristina Rivieccio to win her doubles match as well. Earlier in the week, Abraham posted a three-set victory over UC Irvine's Christie Posner and is one of two Hornets undefeated in singles play this season. Abraham received second team all-Big Sky Conference honors last year after posting a 16-6 singles record and a 10-6 mark in doubles play. Abraham, who was also a Big Sky all-academic selection and currently has a 3.76 gpa as an economics major, will try and help lead the women's tennis team to its second-consecutive Big Sky championship and NCAA Tournament appearance this season.

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Black History Month continues at Sac State with Step Afrika! dance troupe

CHRIS ARNS
Guest Writer

If you've ever wondered what "gumboots," Zulu and hip-hop have in common, the University Ballroom is the place to find out when Step Afrika! USA performs its unique blend of history and contemporary dance at Sac State.

Foremost in the company's repertoire is "stepping," an explosively energetic art form practiced by members of African-American fraternities and sororities. Along with freestyle and modern house dancing, the company also integrates cultural rhythms such as "gumboots," a mixture of precision footwork and handclapping created by South African gold miners.

The show is the brainchild of C. Brian Williams, who founded the Washington, D.C.–based troupe in 1996. A graduate of Howard University, Williams had been exposed to stepping as a member of the Beta Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. After finishing school, he then spent a year in South Africa and became aware of the cultural roots of modern African-American dance. The experience inspired him to co-create the Step Afrika! International Cultural Festival in Soweto, South Africa. This festival eventually led to the creation of a US-based dance company three years later.

Step Afrika!
Thursday @ 7:30 p.m.
Univesity Ballroom, The Union
Students $7 / Gen. $10

www.stepafrika.com

Williams said that the show is a form of language that can be understood worldwide.

"We believe in using dance as a way of breaking barriers between people and laying foundation for dialogue," he said. "What you see on stage is a result of cultural exchange."

The company seeks to seperate itself from other ensemble step-based shows, such as "Bring in Da Noise, Bring in Da Funk," by integrating more heritage from the past.

"We focus on the history," Williams said. "It's more of a cultural experience than just a dance performance."

Step Afrika! is still buzzing from last year's successful tour of 60 college campuses from Maine to Mississippi. Recently, the company performed at the John F. Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C and in December made the annual trip to Soweto for the Step Afrika! International Cultural Festival. The group also conducts workshops and clinics at schools and community centers across the country.



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Cruisin' to campus

The easiest way to travel is still with two wheels.

ANDREW LAGOMARSINO
State Hornet

As a student, time is a precious commodity. Here at Sacramento State, the search for parking demands students lap row after row of full parking spaces, wasting time and searching in vain. Those laps add up. This kind on hassle early in the day can negatively affect almost anyone's positive outlook.

After a long day of fighting traffic in cars and classes many students find themselves - once again racing - on their way to the gym to try and bring their stress back to a reasonable level. Smart students have found a way to consolidate commuting and exercise by bicycling to campus.

"I found I saved both time and money riding, rather than driving 20 minutes and then spending an hour circling and looking for a spot," said senior Tiffany Tallar, who made a round trip of about 10 miles a day for several years.

Peak Adventures provides students with a full service bike shop right in the University Union. They carry KHS bicycles and student discounts make their labor rates the cheapest in town. Peak Adventures also rents those bicycle lockers that resemble Tokyo hotel rooms.

"The lockers are much cheaper than a parking pass," said Coralie Wilhite, an employee. "But, with only 112 units the lockers can fill up pretty quickly."

At $25 a semester with a $20 deposit, the cost is about half that of a parking pass at $84 a semester. Don't forget that returning the key on time will get you your $20 deposit back.

CSUS also provides a guarded bicycle compound at the base of the Guy West Bridge. The service is free and supervised from 7am to 11pm Monday through Thursday and until 5pm on Friday.



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(above) Fifth year Senior and Liberal Studies major Scott Walton locks up his bike at the campus locks, one of several places available on campus to keep your bike.

(right) A Sac State student flies by the foot traffic on Guy West Bridge, while saving a lot of money by not driving to campus every day.

The proximity of the American River Bike Trail and the recent addition of the Elvas Avenue pedestrian entrance make riding to campus an excellent option for people in downtown, the Arden area and along La Riviera Drive.

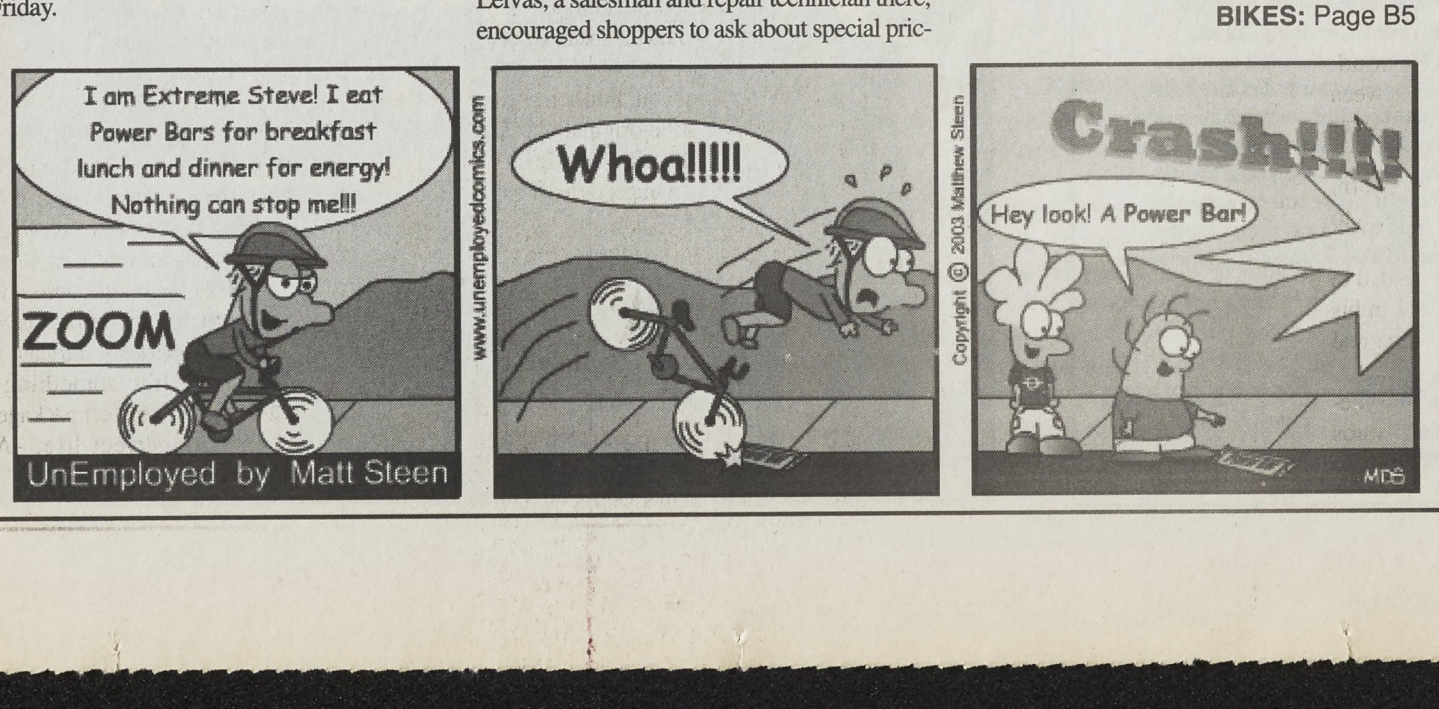
Are you ready to get out there and try two-wheeled commuting yet? There are a multitude of shops around Sacramento that can help you get started.

American River Bicycle has several locations including a store at 9203 Folsom Blvd. near the end of La Riviera Drive. They sell Specialized, Giant and Raleigh bicycles. Mike Leivas, a salesman and repair technician there, encouraged shoppers to ask about special pricing for students.

"We can save you money on gas and insurance and if you have a mechanical problem we guarantee a one day turnaround on all service," said Leivas.

Bicycle Products, "Sacramento's Premier Service Shop," has two locations located close to the American River Bike Trail. Closest to campus is the location at the intersection of Arden Way and Fair Oaks Blvd. It is about a quarter mile from the Goethe Park Pedestrian Bridge. Another location is at 12401 Folsom Blvd. near the Nimbus Dam.

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Ben Stein sighting in Sac

DAN BARR
State Hornet

You've seen him on Comedy Central. You've seen him on commercials. You may have even seen him on the big screen. And, if you were walking downtown on the Jan. 24, you may have seen Ben Stein buying sugar cookie-scented candles.

Sacramento has certainly seen its fair share of celebrities. It's not an odd occurrence for famous citizens to be spotted from time to time. But it came as a surprise to many Sacramentans to see one walking calmly down the street with a cup of tea from Starbucks, saying hello to nearly everyone who passed.

"I love Sacramento," said Stein, looking through some buildings at the capital. "You have a great capital, and the park is just beautiful."

Stein was walking through the shops on K Street, looking for a solution to his foul smelling room at the Sheraton Grand. He was also looking for another Starbucks.

Like most celebrities, wherever he went people recognized him. Most people would pass and then whisper to each other. You could barely make out "Was that him?" and "I think it was!" The braver ones would come up to shake his hand, and became surprised when he not only shook back, but started a conversation.

"Being a celebrity is great," he said. "No matter where I go I'm never alone."

It wasn't all candles and shaking hands though. He was in town to make a speech in front of the Downtown Chamber of Com-

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New show is 'Enchanting'

ANGELINA LABARRE
State Hornet

There is more to the Alumni Chapter of the CSUS Theatre and Dance Department's 3rd annual production, "Simply Enchanting," than meets the eye. This fundraising series, honoring in the past such composers as Rodgers and Hart, has been titled the "love letters" series, as each production is just that.

The productions started three years ago, as a tribute to the late Theatre professor Dr. Gerard A. Larson, and are concieved and writen by his wife, Goergia Larson.

"He was a brilliant, marvelous, wonderful man," Georgia said of her husband. "He used to leave me love letters all the time, and these shows are like love letters to him."

That performance also celebrated the songs of Noel Coward, and those of Rodgers and Hart in the following year's show. This year's love letter, entitled "Simply Enchanting," showcases songs of Rodgers and Hammerstein's, such as "Bali ha'i," "Nothing Like a Dame" and "You'll Never Walk Alone."

Robert Smart, a former student of Dr. Larson and a professor in the Theatre and Dance Department, is directing the production. He shares the responsibility of bringing the show together with Georgia, Claudia Kitka, Bradley Moates and Carole Delaney. Smart promises that with this combined effort, the show promises to be a great one.

"We have some different juxtaposing this year," said Smart. "We have a man singing a song that is traditionally sung by a woman, and vice versa, and a lot of other great numbers."

Simply Enchanted
Sat. & Sun. @ 8 p.m., Sun. @ 2 p.m.
Univesity Theatre, Shesta Hall
Students $5 / Gen. $15

In The Brief

Puppetry of the Penis holding auditions
The critically acclaimed show "Puppetry of the Penis" is looking for talent from Sacramento. Auditions for aspiring penis puppeteers will be held on Feb. 12 at 10 a.m. at the Crest Theater. The much-talked-about show focuses on "the ancient Australian art of genital origami," and has toured all over the U.S.

W.E.B. DuBois seminar
The goals and beliefs of W.E.B. DuBois will be explored in a seminar today. "Reconstructing DuBois' Double Consciousness as Political Cultural Stasis" will be led by Sac State ethnic studies professor Ricky Green at noon in the University Union Delta Suite.

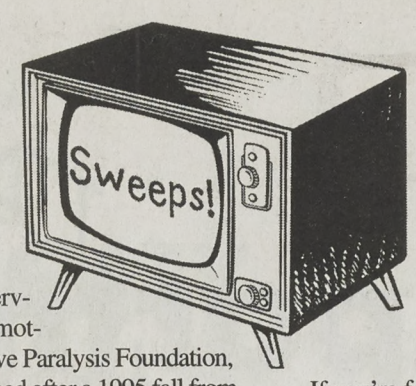
Concert series marks its debut
The New Millennium Concert Series will hold its first concert on Feb. 9 at 8 p.m. The series will feature many world-famous musicians. The first installment will have mostly romantic music favorites, and the CSUS Faculty Brass Ensemble will also perform. There will be three more concerts, with the last one in May. All of the concerts will take place in the Music Recital Hall in Capistrano Hall.

UNIQUE presents elobung Cultural Troupe
UNIQUE will present a performance by the Helobung Cultural Troupe from the Philippines. The event will feature T'boli music and dance performances. The troupe will practice storytelling through their sweet, soulful music. The performance is in the University Union Ballroom on Feb. 13 at 7:30 p.m. The event is free. For more information on the performance, call (916)278-6997.

That 1 Guy to perform today at the Redwood Room
That 1 Guy, or Mike Silverman, will perform at Sac State today, offering truly original music that will likely please more offbeat, quirky music lovers. Silverman, who lives in the Bay Area, created the Magic Pipe, an instrument he made entirely out of pieces he found at Home Depot, two years ago. Silverman, who has performed songs in the past about weasel pot pies and other random subjects, plays the instrument by plucking a string near the bottom of the Pipe with an oversized guitar pick he fashioned out of a Safeway Club Card.

Sac State celebrates "V-Day"
Eve Ensler's excellent play "The Vagina Monologues" will be performed at CSUS on Feb. 13-15. The play explores gender roles and women's sexuality. "V-Day" refers to the fight many women's organizations have launched against female genital mutilation in Africa. "The Vagina Monologues" will be performed in the University Theatre at 8 p.m. on Feb. 13-15; tickets are $8 for CSUS students, $15 for the general public, and $10 for groups of 10 or more.

TV gears up for February sweeps



LAUREN ROBESON
State Hornet

While some people can't get enough of "Joe Millionaire" or "American Idol", these types of cheap reality shows surface throughout the year on major networks. But four times a year, shows get out of their rerun ruts to vie for ratings in a contest that executives simultaneously anticipate and fear in the weeks preceding.

February sweeps are upon us, and there are plenty of good episodes in store for viewers who couldn't care less about Trista and her choice mate on "The Bachelorette."

NBC (Channel 3) is exploiting its Thursday-night "Must-See TV" lineup to an almost annoying degree of insanity. SNL alumnus Jon Lovitz will guest on "Friends" tomorrow night, followed by "Jurassic Park's" Jeff Goldblum next week. "Scrubs" will feature former "NYPD Blue" star Rick Schroder and "Road Trip's" Amy Smart as romantic interests for lead characters J.D. (Zach Braff) and Elliot (Sarah Chalke).

"Will & Grace" will feature actress Minnie Driver in tomorrow's episode and (former) megastar Demi Moore next week. On "ER," Sally Field will return as nurse Abby's (Maura Tierney) troubled mother. The Sunday 1960s drama "American Dreams" will feature performances by India.Arie, Leann Rimes and Vanessa Carlton, all of who will be playing singers from that decade.

Another ratings stunt features Christopher Reeve on the WB's (Channel 58) "Smallville" Feb. 25. Reeve, who played Superman in a few films in the 1980s, will play opposite of Tom Welling, the young Clark Kent. The episode will also feature a public service announcement promoting the Christopher Reeve Paralysis Foundation, which the actor established after a 1995 fall from his horse left him a quadriplegic.

CBS's (Channel 13) "Survivor", which is the granddaddy of all current "reality" series despite its annoying, far-fetched qualities, remains one of the best reality shows out there, and always offers surprises.

When "Survivor: Amazon", the sixth installment, premieres on Feb. 13, the teams will no longer be coed: the sixteen contestants will be split up by gender, sure to inspire cattiness among the women and arrogance among the men. To say this makes for interesting television is just a tip of the iceberg.

ABC's excellent "Alias" is capping a recent post-Super Bowl series reconstruction with two high-profile guest stars. Ethan Hawke guest-starred this past Sunday, and Christian Slater, coming off a recent "West Wing" stint, will be featured this Sunday as a scientist who could help the evil Sloane (Ron Rifkin) achieve his new plans.

"Alias," a great series that deserves more viewers, is one of few shows worth watching that doesn't annoyingly exploit its sweeps-stunt guest stars and makes rather efficient use of their talents to serve the ongoing conspiracy plots. It's a refreshing choice amid the bloated month of new episodes and greedy expectations of network executives.

We could always look on the bright side: no more reruns for an entire month, the one part of sweeps you can always count on.

Web slings zingers at TV

HILTON COLLINS
State Hornet

If you're fed up with television, or just cynical by nature, you're not alone.

On the Web site www.Television-WithoutPity.com, or TWOP for short, a collection of online television enthusiasts write recaps of popular TV shows, and the shows don't always come off looking pretty. Armed with an arsenal of witty remarks and a healthy dose of cynicism, Television Without Pity writers hack apart a variety of programs from "Buffy" to "CSI" to "The Bachelorette", and beyond.

A Television Without Pity recap is clever, mean and cutting, but also hilarious and entertaining. While summarizing programs, the writers comment on plot holes, bad acting, irritating characters, and lackluster special effects.

The site, which was titled Mighty Big TV at the time of its creation in the fall of 1999, was created for the specific purpose of expressing feelings that come out of the love/hate relationship people have with television. The Web site's recappers give voice to the cries and wonders of legions of viewers.

Have you ever watched something and said to yourself, "Why is he doing that?" or "Don't go in there"? How about, "I wouldn't do that if it were me?" or "That's just stupid"? So do the creators of TWOP.

The Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) pages pose questions about shows that are answered by the shows' recappers. Many of the FAQs are about ridiculous scenarios on TV programs.

Still, in spite of sarcastic tendencies, Television Without Pity isn't all puns and putdowns. The Web site gives credit where credit is due. Staff members recognize quality programming and acknowledge the bitter elements onscreen along with the sweet.

The Web site mainly features recaps of primetime dramas and reality programming. But fear not. On the forums, you can voice your own pointed opinions about shows that are excluded. Visitors can register and post messages about shows, and use just as much humor and criticism as TWOP writers while doing so. Between the forums and recaps, few shows are safe from the wrath of audience feedback.

Reading recaps on Television Without Pity is like watching television with a bunch of friends or relatives who pick apart everything onscreen with bitter scrutiny. And it's just as much fun. If you ever want to revel in your television-related frustrations without putting a fist through your TV screen, head over to the sit, www.televisionwithoutpity.com,, where your favorite shows get no mercy.

Local bike shops give Sac State cyclists many options

BIKES: From Page B4

"I commuted on a bike to Sac State," said service manager Ryan Vellanoweth. "We like to work with students to get the best price on the best equipment for their needs. We can relate."

Bicycle Products, also on the web at www.bicycleproducts.com, sells Trek, Gary Fisher, Klein and Le Mond bicycles. In February they are offering a storewide 10 percent discount.

City Bicycle Works has a prime location downtown at 2419 K Street. Cannondale, Bianchi, Santa Cruz, Merckx, Lightspeed and Free Agent are only a smattering of their extensive inventory.

"Commuters are making up a larger portion of our business than ever before," said Ben Kohls, a salesman. "Sacramento is flat and that makes it a great place to ride. We are selling beach cruisers and flat handlebar road bikes like crazy."

Sacramento Area Bicycle Advocates works to encourage people to consider the health benefits of incorporating cycling into their commute.

"Integrating Exercise into your daily routine is a time saver," said SABA's executive director, Walt Seifert. "Time spent at the gym and driving to and from is time wasted."



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Students are better off riding to school, financially and phsyically.

Watching that clock tick past the top of the hour as your gas gauge drops steadily lower and the knowledge that your class has already begun as you finally find a spot (in the overflow lot) takes a toll on stress levels, pocketbooks - and grades, too.

Some might swear that race walking from remote parking, and the embarrassment adrenaline (from walking in on a lecture in progress), fill their exercise needs. If you are not among them, it might be time to consider the convenience, exercise and cost savings of getting on a bike.

Ben Stein gives a speech both comical and serious

STEIN: From Page B4

merce. He was an appropriate speaker. Stein had a long political career before he made his break into show business. In the 1970s he worked as a speechwriter and lawyer for both President Nixon and Ford. He also has worked as a columnist for the "Wall Street Journal," and has written articles on business ethics for Barrons.

His speech that night was more influenced by his comedy then by his politics, but he couldn't help but voice his opinion on many issues facing California while walking around the capital.

"The homeless problem is so sad," he said, "I remember when there were no homeless people, even in the big cities. That was one of biggest mistakes of the '80s, the closing of the institutions."

Education was also on his mind.

"There has been no correlation between increased education spending and better scores for students. The best way for students to learn is to be inspired to learn.

"But then, I pay $22,000 for my son to go to high school," He added.

Having found the candles he needed to cover up the carpet cleanser smell in his room, he returned to prepare for the real reason he came to Sacramento.

It was a black tie affair. The evening began with a dinner an, lead up to an awards ceremony, which Stein was scheduled to close with a speech.

He was introduced to great applause and immediately began with the jokes.

"Bill Clinton and Jesse Helms get on a plane…" he said, warming up the audience for a string of jokes.

He also read from one of his books, "How To Ruin Your Life."

"This book is inspired by my son," he said, "All you parents of teenagers will understand."

But the speech wasn't all laughs. It was also meant to instill a sense of purpose into the audience.

"I remember the first day I really became happy," he said, "It was when I realized that if I could be a good son to my parents, and a good husband, and a good father, then I was really living."

"And if any of you want to hear about the state of the California budget," he said, stepping off the podium to a standing ovation, "feel free to see me in the lobby at the outside."

After shaking hands and making small talk with many of the members of the Chamber of Commerce, he took to the streets again. He walked down J Street with his agent and a few members of the audience, waving to people on the street and stopping into the occasionally open business.

But his purpose that evening always remained clear.

"How far is that Starbucks?"

The Hornet on Hollywood

The Recruit

★★★

115 Minutes

If you are tired of the trite spy movie formula, a cool hero solving international crises without flinching, "The Recruit" is the one to see.

James Clatyon (Colin Farrell of "Minority Report") is a recent top grad from the Massachusetts Institute of Techonology, and is about to be summoned by seasoned gruff agent Walter Burke (Al Pacino of "S1mone") for the Central Intelligence Agency.

In the CIA's "boot camp," recruits are trained psychologically and physically to become the ultimate spies. During the training, James develops an attraction to fellow recruit Layla (Bridget Moynahan of "The Sum of All Fears"), who isn't necessarily what she seems. And neither is anything else in this suspense thriller by mediocre suspense director Roger Donaldson.

To trap or to be trapped, this spy game has, well, game. *–Karin Nishimyama*

Final Destination 2

★★

100 Minutes

In reality, "Final Destination 2" was an atrociously bad movie, but for sheer entertainment there's no better bang for your buck.

The film starts out with college student Kimberly and a group of her friends driving to campus in her father's car. Before merging onto the freeway, she has a warnful premonition just like in the original film: she sees a hideous pile-up that causes everyone on the road to die. Kim stops her car, blocking anyone wanting to get on the freeway, and as a patrolman tries to convince her she's nuts, the pile-up unfolds before their very eyes.

Of course, to really enjoy "Final Destination 2," you have to suspend belief. Ignore the fact that most of the things that kill these people wouldn't really kill someone. Ignore the horrendously bad plot holes and the equally bad script and acting. The best horror movies are the bad ones, and this is no exception.

For "fans of the cinema" who like to discuss, in detail, the last half hour of "2001: A Space Odyssey" and the meaning of colors in "What Dreams May Come," this definitely isn't the movie for you. For horror fans, even ones who hated the original like I did, you have to check this film out. It'll definitely evoke your most outrageous reactions. *–Adam Varona*

Chicago

★★★★

113 Minutes

Women scorned, a slick lawyer, liquor and jazz. Not a bad way to spend an evening, eh? Such is the premise behind "Chicago," top contender at this year's Golden Globes and among the leading Oscar hopefuls.

Catherine Zeta-Jones is Velma Kelly, one half of a sister act at the hottest club in all of Chicago and infamous for the "apparent" gunning down of her husband and the other half of the act. Renee Zellweger is Roxie Hart, a little Mrs. who doesn't miss her lover, and his promise to make her a star, to the tune of three bullets. Richard Gere is Billy Flynn, silver-tongued lawyer of the Windy City who swears if Jesus Christ lived in Chicago, had $5000 and came to him, things would've turned out differently.

Kelly and Hart vie for Flynn's affections amidst the backdrop of Cook County Jail and its inhabitants, imaginary stage pieces, and the inevitable courtroom showdown. Execution of plot, pacing, musical numbers and the intricacies within are impeccably perfect.

There hasn't been a musical with this tenacity and flair since most of our parents were born ("Oklahoma!," ""The Sound of Music," and "The Music Man" if you've been so fortunate). Jones, Zellweger and Gere will blow you away with their talents musical and otherwise, as will supporting cast Queen Latifah as Matron Mama Morton and John C. Reilly as Roxie's husband, Amos.

The electricity running through its two hour running time puts into perspective what a true musical is. "Moulin Rouge" and "Grease" can't touch this, and if you loved them, you're in for a real treat. *–Noeh Nazareno*

About Schmidt

★★★★

124 Minutes

A name like Jack rings like no other in pop culture. Jack in the Box means good food (greasy, fast and affordable for college students), Jack-ie Chan is the world's greatest action star, and Jack Nicholson is a guarantee of a good time. Most of his movies come up to the caliber of his performances, and "About Schmidt" is no exception

Warren Schmidt has just retired from his insurance agency job and is in for the roller-coaster ride of his life. Everything he cherished in his life will give him the back handed slap in the face that, deep down inside, he wanted to give to life itself.

An oddly annoying wife, a promising daughter in the dumps, friends coming and going in the worst ways, and a third-world child named Ndugu. It's all "About Schmidt."

Jack delivers another Oscar-demanding performance here, and is followed with complimentary performances by Hope Davis, Kathy Bates, Dermot Mulroney, Howard Hesseman and a handful of lesser-knowns.

Alexander Payne, the crafty hand behind "Election," proves his mettle with an efficiently paced presentation. He blends comedy, drama, and dangerously intricate character development into something of a modern masterpiece. A perfect package presenting a most imperfect life. *–Noeh Nazareno*

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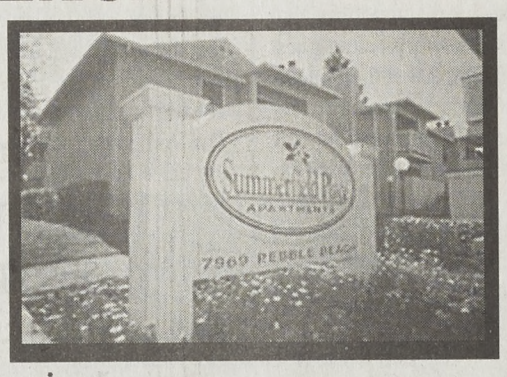
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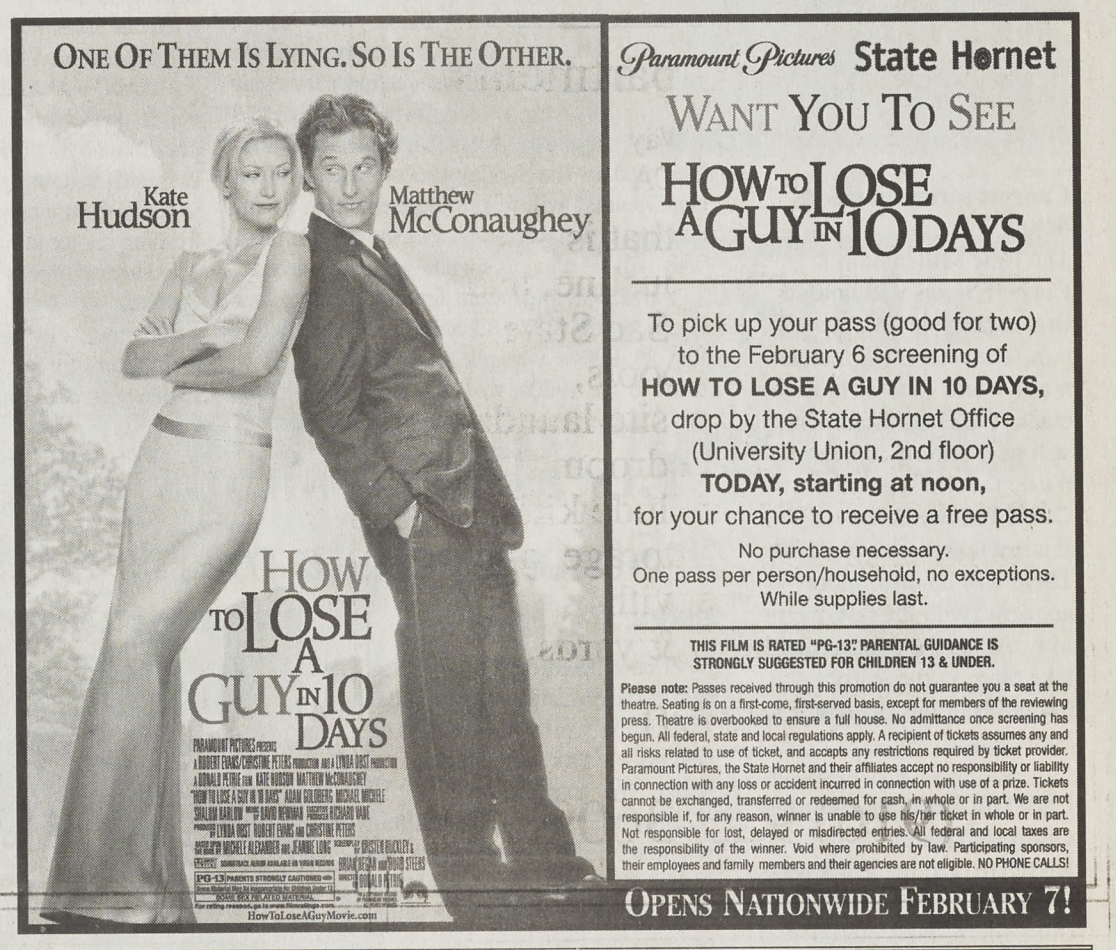
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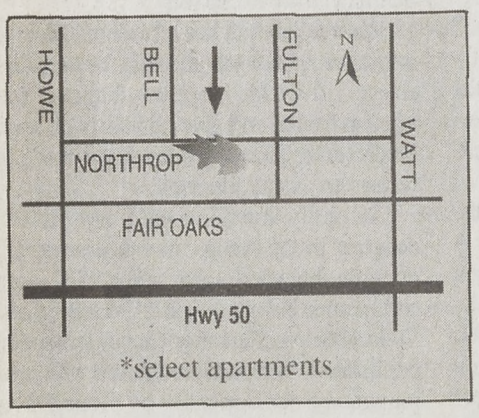
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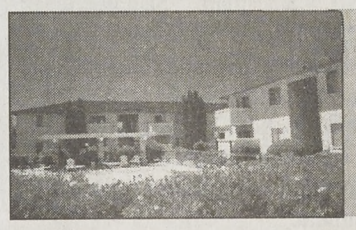


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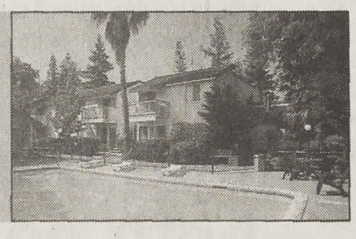
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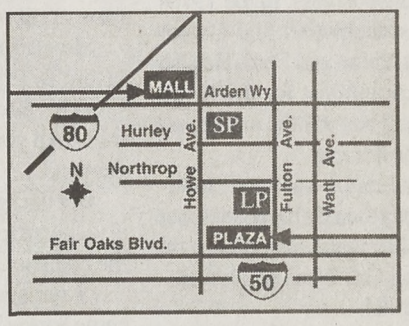


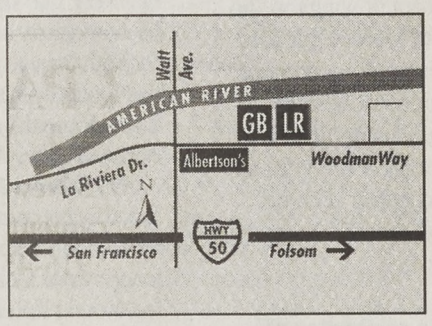
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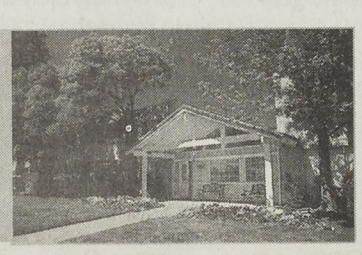
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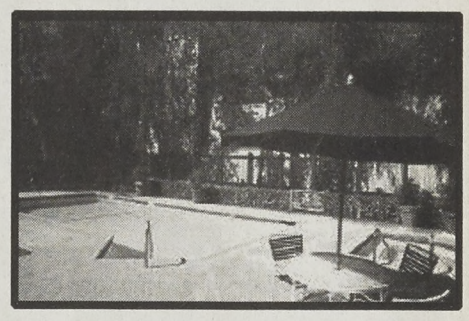
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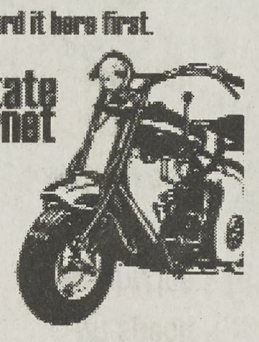
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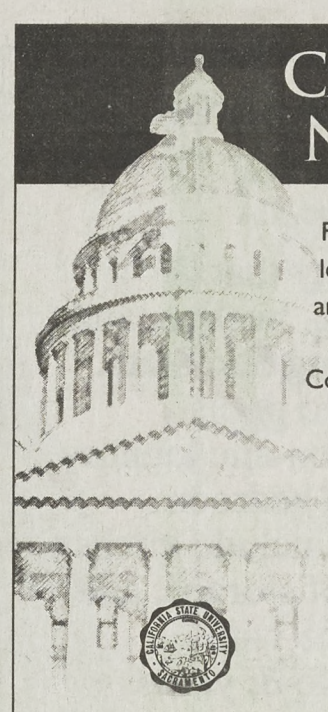
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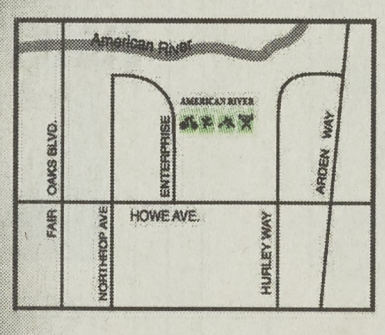
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